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WHITEAWAY'S

BRITAIN MAY OBTAIN MORE DESTROYERS FROM UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, MAR. 10 (REUTER).—THERE IS SOME REASON TO BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WILL ANNOUNCE THE TRANSFER OF ANOTHER BATCH OF DESTROYERS TO BRITAIN SHORTLY AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE LEASE AND LEND BILL.

This measure, it is thought, will be one of a series of dramatic steps which the President will take before the week is out to give immediate effect to the Bill.

It is believed here that now that the Bill is passed, the legislators who opposed its passage will vote the vast sums required under the Bill on the theory that if the country wants the Bill, it should not be half-hearted about it but should really render all aid short of war.

Regional Status Quo

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (REUTER).—The Senate to-day unanimously approved a resolution affirming the principle that the United States Government should not recognise the transfer of any region in the Western Hemisphere from one non-American Power to another.

It provides that if such a transfer appears likely, "the United States shall, in addition to other measures, immediately consult other American Republics to determine upon the steps which should be taken to safeguard their common interests."

The House of Representatives to-day unanimously agreed on the pro-

jecture whereby after a two hours' debate on the Lease and Lend Bill to-morrow, a further vote will be taken on the proposal to agree to all the Senate amendments to the Bill.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Republican, told reporters to-day that in the two roll-calls, 89 out of 95 Senators voted in favour of aid to Britain either for the Lease and Lend Bill or Senator Robert Taft's substitute proposal for a loan of \$2,000,000,000. This, he said, showed a "far more impressive demonstration of national unity than the final roll-call might disclose."

Press Urges Action

NEW YORK, Mar. 10 (UP).—The "New York Times" in an editorial says that following the passage of the Lend and Lease Bill bold action is required. Firstly, preparations must be made to transfer to Britain such weapons, particularly destroyers and planes, as can be spared from America's own arsenals. Secondly, steps must be taken to consolidate the purchasing programme with the British. Thirdly, production must be enormously accelerated.

The "Philadelphia Record" comments: "We only hope that beginning now the President will proceed to make the most of his powers. The course is now clarified; there must be no faltering, no quibbling."

The "Philadelphia Inquirer" declares: "Helping Britain to stop the Axis 'Plunderland' before it can gain a foothold in the western hemisphere is the prime necessity for our security."

Italians Smashed In New Greek Offensive

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The fourth day of the big Greek offensive against the Italian centre in Albania continues to-day with unabated fury.

The Greek troops, states the Athens radio, are pushing on with the utmost determination. Two mountain ranges have now been almost completely cleared of Italian forces.

The Italians, who have been driven from their network of machine-gun posts cunningly concealed in deep cavities of rocks, are stated to have suffered heavy casualties, whole detachments being wiped out.

One of the principal units defending the approaches to Tepelini, key-town to Valona Harbour, endured particularly severe losses. Nearly all the effectives of the Seventh Blackshirt Battalion were also killed.

A few prisoners were taken, including Major Pellegrini, a member of the Fascist Grand Council.

Duce To Bottai

Another battalion to meet with disaster was commanded by the Italian Education Minister, Bottai, who may have been killed.

A personal message from Mussolini to Bottai was found on an unidentified body of a major, begging Bottai to do everything in his power to stop the Greek advance.—"Otherwise," said Mussolini, "Fascism would die with a stain upon it." Fascist Italy bases her last hope on your defence. Save

Malta Repels 400th RAID German Bombers

MALTA, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Three enemy formations attacked Malta from different sides at noon to-day, according to a communiqué.

A formation of bombers came over the south coast but did not release bombs.

Simultaneously, however, several Messerschmitt 110's attacked and machine-gunned the seaplane base.

This followed two alarms during the morning when the enemy approached Malta, presumably on reconnaissance.

Following the mid-day raid, the enemy approached the coast in the afternoon but was turned away without attacking.

There have now been 400 raids on Malta.

Matsuoka Story

CHUNGKING, Mar. 10 (Central News).—Much speculation has been aroused in newspaper circles in Shanghai by the action of "Trans-ocean" in "killing" the Matsuoka story.

The agency yesterday issued a story stating that Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, Japanese Foreign Minister, was shortly proceeding to Berlin to confer with German government leaders but ten minutes after the release of the story, it was cancelled. No explanation was given.

Algerian Minister Visits Vichy

VICHY, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Admiral Abril, Governor-General of Algeria, arrived here to-day and was received immediately by Marshal Pétain. The visit follows that of General Weygand who is expected to return to his post shortly.

Admiral Abril commanded the French destroyers which assisted in the embarkation at Dunkirk.

The proceedings are continuing.

New Air Bases For America

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Approval was given by the United States Senate to the establishment of air bases on the sites acquired from Britain when it passed to-day the \$245,228,000 authorisation for naval and public works.

This action has the effect of Congressional ratification of the "Destroyers for Bases" deal.

The Senate Naval Committee reported that the total of \$58,250,000 represented the amount necessary to complete the establishment of bases on the sites acquired from Britain.

Yugo-Slavia, Mobilising, Is Ready to Sign Pact

BELGRADE, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The Foreign Minister, M. Cincar-Markovich, is expected to leave for Vienna at any moment to sign a friendship pact between Yugo-Slavia and the Axis stirring times after which there will come a realisation of our national ideals."

His statement and the Bulgarian press revisionist claims are widely published in the Yugo-Slav press.

Cannot Leave Belgrade
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

BELGRADE, Mar. 10 (UP).—Residents who reported yesterday according to a country-wide schedule, for assignment to new reporting stations in case they should be called up were informed that they must not leave Belgrade without special permission.

General Zlokoff, former Chief of the Bulgarian General Staff, said to Bulgarian students: "We live in mission."

Downed Plane Hits Houses

When a German plane was brought down recently over Bromley, Kent, it crashed into two houses and demolished them. The people in the houses were saved by R.A.F. workers. The German pilot was found dead. This picture shows part of the wrecked plane amid the ruins of the two houses.



Rendel Leaving Bulgaria

British Interests In U. S. Envoy's Hands

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SOFIA, Mar. 10 (UP).—The British Minister, Mr William Rendel, is scheduled to leave to-night at 10.40 in a special train, with 50 members of the British colony.

The American Minister, Mr George Earle, will officially take over the British interests at 5.30 p.m. A small plaque signed by Mr Earle has been placed on the British property stating that it was under United States protection.

Other Ministers Leave

ISTANBUL, Mar. 10 (UP).—The Polish, Belgian, Dutch and Norwegian Ministers from Sofia with their Consuls and staffs will arrive at 5 p.m. Mr William Rendel, the British Minister, is expected to arrive to-morrow evening by special train.

BRITISH BUDGET

Taxes On Services Considered

LONDON, Mar. 10.—The passage of the American Lease and Lend Bill will have repercussions on the British Budget, which the Chancellor of the Exchequer is now preparing, but it will not avert the still heavier imposts from the British tax-payer.

Sir Kingsley Wood will present next month—the largest budget in history; but it will not cover expenditure of American war materials which will go into a separate account and will be kept secret until the end of the war.

Already the Chancellor and experts are seeking fresh ways of raising revenue. There may be some increase in direct taxation although this form of taxation has almost reached saturation point.

It is believed that the officials are turning toward expedients like tax on services namely imposts on railway fares, meals in restaurants and the like.

National Income

The Budget speech will be preceded by a candid statement on the national income, designed to give a picture of the nation's real financial strength.

It was recently estimated that the British national income this year of £8,000,000,000 would expand further next year.

Allied with the question is that of inflation. The Government is keeping a watchful eye on that aspect and has emphasised that it will not hesitate to impose the necessary checks if any inflationary tendency becomes apparent.

Italian Cruiser Torpedoed

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—An Italian cruiser of the Condottieria Class has been torpedoed and almost certainly sunk by a British submarine, says an Admiralty communiqué.

Wonderful Year For Hongkong Dock Co.

A remarkably successful year has been enjoyed by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., according to a statement issued for publication to-day.

The profit and loss account on December 31, 1940 showed a total working profit of \$1,474,896.30, which the Directors of the Company propose to allocate as follows:

Pay a Dividend at 6% on p.a. on 355,110 old shares	\$213,060.00.
Pay a Bonus thereon of 5%	177,555.00.
Pay a Dividend at 6% n.a. for half year on 110,666 new shares	35,030.00.
Pay a Bonus thereon of 5% p.a. for half year	20,210.50.
Place to Reserve	750,000.00.
Pay a Bonus to Staff and carry forward to next year account	70,000.00.
	200,000.00.

Mid-East Aerial Activity

CAIRO, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—

Tripoli Harbour was again attacked during Saturday night and bombs were dropped on Italian aerodromes in Tripolitania, states to-day's R.A.F. communiqué.

In Abyssinia, R.A.F. bombers attacked the aerodromes of Diredawa despite an attempted interception by Italian fighters.

A direct hit was also obtained on a train approaching the town and another on the station at Adala Galla.

The first witness to be called this morning was Mr W. Putney, the Accountant General.

After Mr Barnett had read the proclamation establishing the inquiry, the Chief Justice said he wished to observe that the inquiry was a public one and that both through the English and Chinese press invitations had been extended to members of the public to give evidence. He wished once again to stress that invitation.

The Commission would sit both in the morning and afternoon in order to complete the inquiry as soon as possible, so that the Commission could make its report and submit it to the Governor at the earliest possible date. He therefore asked for the co-operation of the public.

The Chief Justice also revealed that yesterday afternoon Mr Barnett received a letter dated and postmarked March 7, which was addressed to him, but which had been delivered in error at the Immigration Office.

The letter had been re-directed and marked "No such person in this office," while the letter had also been opened. The Chief Justice said he would like the Immigration authorities to investigate and to find out who was responsible for opening the letter, and to take proper action against the person.

The Commission then started its work, Mr Putney being called as first witness.

The proceedings are continuing.

New York Bus Strike

NEW YORK, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Nearly a million workers living in the New York boroughs of Manhattan and Queen's had to find other means of getting to work this morning when 3,500 employees of the omnibus companies in those boroughs struck.

They are asking for 25 per cent. increase in wages and better working conditions.

The buses of the companies affected in recent years have replaced most tram services.

British Seize Another French Cargo Ship

VICHY, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The alleged seizure of a French cargo ship called Ville de Majunga by a British cruiser was announced here to-day.

The original communiqué stated that the defence of the Empereur would be "energetically assured by French forces alone against all aggressors."

In this connection, the "Havas" agency recalled that Admiral Darlan had repeatedly declared that he would not allow French ships to be seized or French people to die of hunger.

"If our protest should be in vain," the French news agency further reports, "Admiral Darlan is saying, 'and if Britain continues to hold up and

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Fire Engines For Colony**Latest Type Expected**

The very latest type of fire fighting equipment, machines capable of delivering 1,250 gallons per minute, which is more than double the capacity of the best machines at present in the Colony, are expected to arrive in the Colony within the next four months. Mr. J. C. Fitz-Henry, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, revealed yesterday.

Four of these large capacity engines have been ordered, and at least one will be housed in the new Wan Chai Fire Station, at present under construction at the junction of Hennessy Road and Canal Road, East. The machines have 12-cylinder engines, with an R.A.C. rating of 76.8 H.P., developing 240 brake H.P.

The new Fire Station is expected to be completed in August or September this year, when the present Wan Chai Fire Station, near the Oriental Theatre, will move in. The whole of the existing station and quarters will then be handed over to the Auxiliary Fire Service.

The first floor of the new four-storey building, which is estimated to cost \$140,000, has been constructed so as to take the load of the superstructure should it collapse during a bombing raid. The four main doors will be opened by the electrical solenoid catch which is operated from the control room. The doors being counter-balanced; any individual door can be opened as required.

Architects of the Public Works Department, who designed the building, have improved on the accommodation for the station officers and firemen. Two dormitories will be built on the first floor, while the second and third floors will each contain three two-roomed flats and one three-roomed flat for Chinese sub-officers and their families. The men will be supplied with hot water from geysers.

Features of the construction are the store-rooms on the ground floor which can be changed round as required; the gas chamber for the testing of gas masks, etc.; and the well in the yard which will be used for drill purposes.

The station is of reinforced concrete with steel panels; with terrazzo tiles for the external walls of the ground floor.

NEW HOSPITAL

The Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall will formally open the Tal Wo Hospital, No. 1 Babington Path, at 3 p.m. on March 14.

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Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding 10% surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,
Manager,
Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Monday, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

E. COCK,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 10th March, 1941.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY LTD.**Notice to Shareholders**

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager,
Hongkong, 7th March, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.**NOTICE**

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March, 1941:

1. For Lighting from 15 cents to 16 cents per unit.
2. For Power and Heating from 5 cents to 5½ cents per unit.
3. The discount of 10% on Power accounts in excess of 1,000 units per month will be discontinued.

By order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

NOTICE**DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940**

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:

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China and Macao
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16 cents Saturdays
British and Foreign
20 cents per copy
25 cents Saturdays.

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Sealed Tenders will be received at the Royal Naval Hospital, until 10 a.m. on the 14th March, 1941, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Fowls, Pork, Fish, Cheese, Butter, Fresh Milk, and other provisions and necessaries, for the year ending 31st March, 1942.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further particulars can be obtained at the Royal Naval Hospital.

The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

H. I. CLEAVE,
Surgeon Commander,
Medical Officer in Charge,
Royal Naval Hospital,
Hong Kong.

10th March, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:

"1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hongkong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

"2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

By order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:

Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April, 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong or before the 30th September, 1941, and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July, 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

By order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1941.

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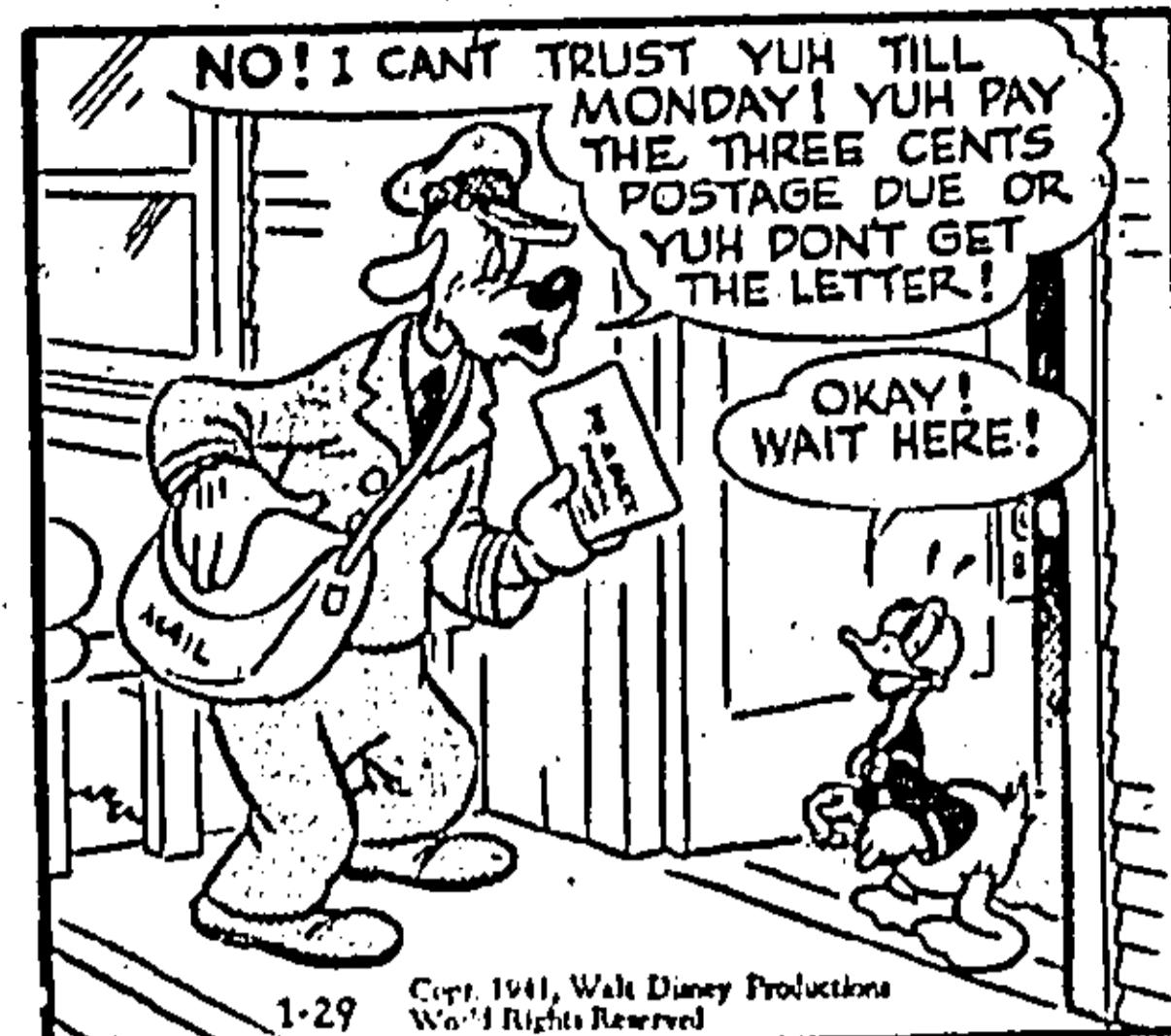
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Serialized by HARRY LEE.

THE STORY SO FAR: Miss Minnie willed her brownstone house, its contents, including the four ancient boarders, to Maggie Ryan the cook, and Norah Taylor the maid. The new owners insisted on keeping the paipless guests in spite of hard times. Maggie's beautiful, hard-boiled, torch-singing daughter, Sarah Jane, comes home after losing her job and beating up the boss. Norah's son Tommy, after being away for five years, has been piano-player in a tough joint and gun-totter for the proprietor, Grasselli. When the place is raided, Grasselli snatches the gun from Tommy, wounds a man, and by threatening Tommy with pinning the blame on him, practically forces Tommy to let him use his mother's boarding house as his hideaway. Sarah Jane suspects the strange roomer, and finds that she has known him. Tommy resents her talking with Grasselli. Sarah Jane lauds Tommy's songs and wins back his old love for her. Grasselli decides to come out of hiding.

CONCLUDING INSTALMENT

EVERYBODY—with the exception of Sarah Jane and Tommy—was in a fever of excitement all day because the mysterious Mr. Grasselli was to leave the seclusion of his bedroom for the first time and take dinner with the family. Little Miss Flint was so fluttery about it that she secretly laid a gardenia outside his door. After the meal, at which Maggie and Norah presided with becoming dignity, all repaired to the drawing room for coffee, and was Miss Minnie would have desired.

Then, as befitting the occasion, a show was put on. Mr. Salmon, flowing tie, paunch and all, read poetry with gestures. The Great Boldini did his ancient magic, even though Fanta the poodle did all but steal his fire. Gentle Mr. Van Diver, enjoying himself to the limit, vaguely wondered why Miss Minnie didn't step in. Tommy played his songs.

But Sarah Jane was the star of the evening. Dressed in a clinging, low-cut black gown, she sang Tommy's song, "The Gauche Serenade." Her mellow, throaty voice, and the sinuous rumba with which she accompanied it, did something to Tommy's heart, rekindled his boyhood love for her.

The old house was still echoing to applause when the door-bell rang. Sarah Jane answered it, to find a notice from the bank to the effect that unless back taxes were paid in full, foreclosure proceedings would be begun, and that the next day was the deadline. Grasselli wondered at her sudden interest in him. He liked it and told her so. "The old girls are dead broke, Chips," she said. "They're going to lose the house if something isn't done! Taxes—due tomorrow."

"Yeah? What's the shake-down?" "One thousand one hundred and eighty-nine dollars and nineteen cents!" "Cripes, I thought you were talking about real money! Okay, honey, I'll be your sucker!—Oh, but say—don't hurry away! The tax money will only be a postponement of their troubles! Listen! This joint's got to be put on a paying basis! I got an idea downstairs to-night! How about opening a night club? A new kind! Homey, old fashioned, feelin' good! Boldin' the way he was to-night! You and Tommy doing four or five songs"

"Can you imagine Ma and Mrs. Taylor runnin' a night-spot?" "They wouldn't run lit! I would!"

"If you've got any idea about you and me, Chips, I don't advise you to let your mind dwell on them, because"

"The come-on," he laughed, "without the promise, huh? You're mar-

vellous, Sal! Well, just skip it! We'll go into that later! What about the night club?"

"I'll talk it over with Tommy."

On hearing the news Tommy rushed to Grasselli in a rage. He found him sitting up in bed reading the Racing Form. "Pack your things and get out, Chips! This room has been rented to another boarder!"

"Say, you must have been out on the sun! Tommy! You're all het up!"

"No wise crack! I told you it was a rotten idea when you made me bring you here. But at least you promised to stay in your room. But you couldn't be satisfied with that. You had to stick your nose downstair the minute you laid eyes on Sarah Jane!"

"Aren't you the sentimental little song writer? Now, wait a minute. Tommy! My wife are a couple of things you don't know! Do you know that you Ma and Mrs. Ryan are broke and are getting tossed out on the street until something's done? Do you know I had to advance money to keep the house from being foreclosed to-day? Do you?"

"You don't care how you get a guy's hands tied, do you?"

"Not so bad at it, am I, Tommy?" said Mr. Grasselli in vast good humour, offering him a cigarette. "But don't give up hope yet! Maybe the old girls won't stand for the idea!"

As Tommy passed his mother's room he heard 'the old girls' talking.

"And besides, Norah, what would poor Miss Minnie think, God rest her soul, with people drinking and carousing in her parlour?"

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By BILLIKEN

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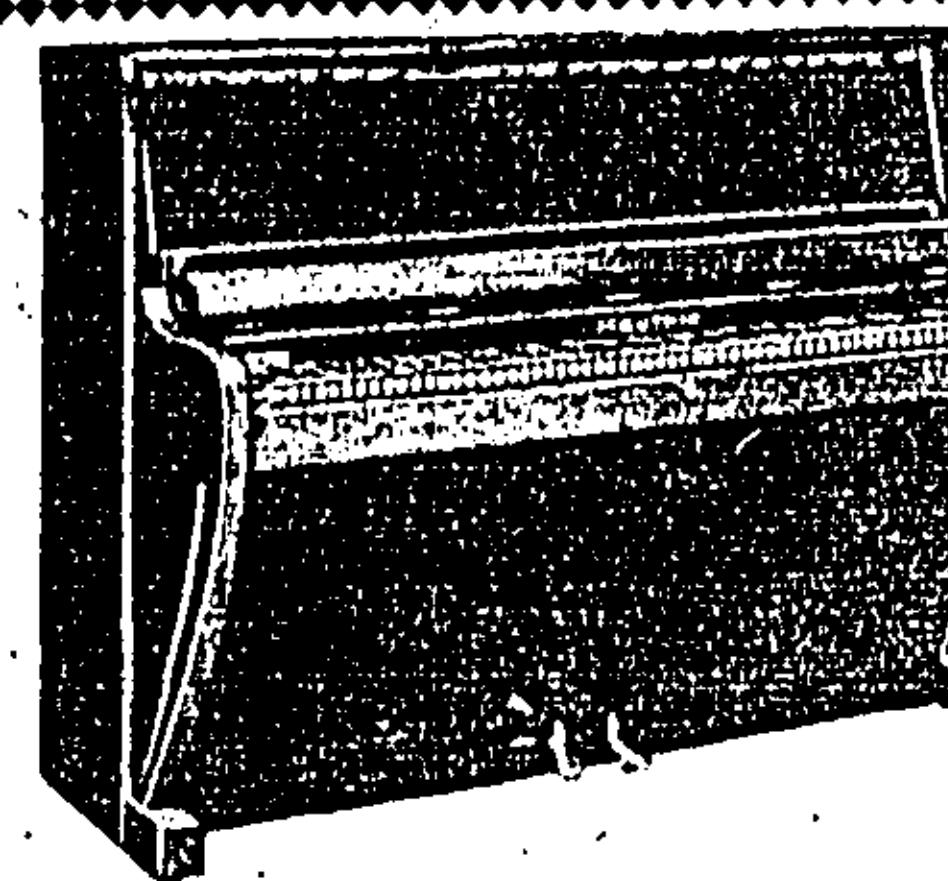
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FIREWOOD FRAUD

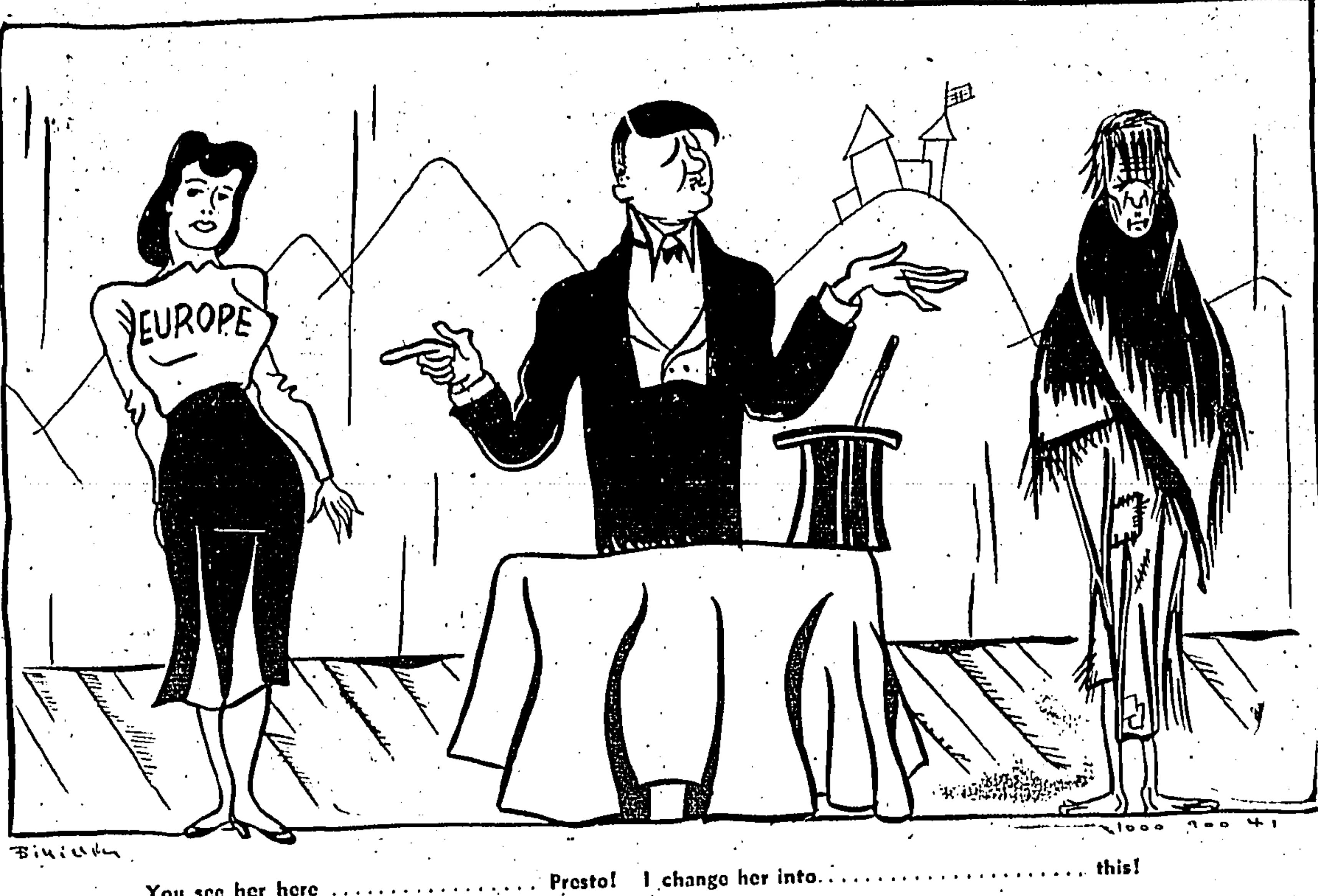
"Squeeze" in the Far East, having been tacitly legitimatised by tradition, the gentle art of defrauding people has become a notorious feature of life in Hongkong. The insidious habit of "squeeze" has found expression in all forms of business transactions, from the house "boy" who seeks to make that little extra at the expense of his employer to big commercial firms engaged in important deals; and, so long as it is not pushed too far, "squeeze" is now recognised as a necessary evil to be borne with a grimace.

There are distinctions, however, and cases arise where so-called "squeeze" becomes outright fraud, meriting severe punishment. In this category can be placed the latest "racket" which apparently is being practised by some firewood dealers.

When firewood, one of the essential commodities of the average Chinese in his daily life, recently touched a new local high record in price, Government rightly decided to do its best to protect the tens of thousands of impoverished Chinese by fixing the price; the order went out, 40 catties per \$1, which in itself was high enough and allowed the retailers a fair margin of profit. But this, apparently did not suit the dealers, and several started casting around for ways and means of getting in that little bit of "squeeze". One method according to reliable information, has been to soak the firewood in water, which naturally has the effect of adding considerable weight to the wood, to the loss of the customer and the rich gain of the dealer. This is fraud and should be treated as such by the authorities. Clearly it is not sufficient to impose fines of \$25 in such cases. The dealer's profit from his fraud for one day alone would more than cover that amount. Punishment to fit the crime—and this is a crime—can be the only way of stamping out such a beastly racket. Either the fine must be so big that it hurts the offender, or he should be sent to prison.

The victims too, should be encouraged to play their part in bringing these rascals to book. European householders, for example, should invite their servants to reveal straightaway when they are "squeezed"; and the master should be

THE MAGICIAN



Can We Beat The U-Boat Menace?

TO the question, "Can we beat the U-boats in 1941?" the answer is Yes—if only because we must beat them if they are not to beat us.

When British folk are fully aware that they must achieve a worthy object there is no such word as "can't" in their dictionary. But before outlining how our task is to be accomplished, let us face its magnitude. At our average rate of loss in merchant ship tonnage for the past fifteen months—which includes a long period when our losses in convoy were very slight—we are losing little short of 3½ million tons a year.

We started this war with nearly 2,000 fewer ships than in 1914; we have many more mouths to feed and our food production at home is less than in April, 1917, the blackest month of the last war.

In that grim month we had the French, Italian and Japanese Navies to help us, whereas one of these fleets is now fighting us, and one at least of the other two is potentially hostile.

It's Serious

In 1917 the enemy had not the use of the Channel and French Atlantic ports, and now he has. We had the use of the Irish ports, and now we haven't.

And last, but not least, we then had the triumphant convoy system in reserve, whereas now we have it in use.

Mercifully, we have no great army to supply on the Continent, neither have we now, as then, to feed and fuel Italy and France.

In spite of these great present advantages, which on no account must we forgo, Lord Woolton has recently confirmed what I asserted, under correction, many weeks ago—that our present danger is greater than it was in

brought to the attention of the police. "Squeeze" can be accepted with a certain amount of tolerance when the victim is a person who can afford to pay that little extra, but it is a different matter when those who can only just manage to eke out an existence are, to use an Americanism, taken for a ride, by grasping merchants, whose profits, even after a completely honest deal, are not negligible.

By Capt. Bernard Acworth,
D.S.O., R.N.

April, 1917;

when, as now, sinkings were exceeding replacements.

It will thus be seen that our task of decisively beating the U-boats is as urgent as it is difficult, but the measure of the task is the measure of the resoluteness and success with which it will be undertaken.

How are we going to set about it? I use the word "we" advisedly, because every Briton on land has an active part to play

which is as vital as, if less exciting than, the part played by each individual sailor and airman.

Ours is the negative side; theirs is the positive.

First, then, for our part.

This, as Lord Woolton has said, lies in cheerfully cutting our demand for seaborne goods, to the point of tightening our belts. Thus we save shipping space.

Here all privilege should be ruthlessly eliminated, no more generous fare being available in the expensive hotels, restaurants and West End clubs than in the poorer places.

The next source of great economy in ship-space lies in a compact body and the guarding of such groups by escorting warships.

Safety on the high seas is obtained by evasion of U-boats rather than by action by the escorts if the U-boats sight the convoy.

Fuel And Food

My views on this great fuel

problem are well known, and I will not labour them, but it is clear that every new ship that burns coal, and every transport vehicle that is changed over to gas, or producer gas, saves ship-space and foreign exchange, and brings unemployed British miners actively into the fight against the U-boats.

RIDDLES OF 1941

Eighth Article

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our ship-space is being used to

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How are these efforts to be

crowned with success by the

Navy and Air Force?

The problem of the sea is two-fold—tactical and material. I take the tactical problem first, as it is the one that must, and can, be solved quickly, whereas the material one requires time

that may not be available if the tactical one remains unsolved.

The tactical problem is the convoy system, which means the grouping of merchant ships on passage into a compact body and the guarding of such groups by escorting warships.

These should have priority over all other war material.

The practical steps needed to defeat the U-boats can now be summarised as follows:

1. Spartan economy in all seaborne goods.

2. The need of agriculture to provide over all war material except ships and fighter aircraft.

3. The reformation of the convoy system.

4. The elevation of merchant ship construction to the highest priority and fighter aircraft to the second highest.

5. Concentration of bombing operations not so much on industrial targets and invasion ports, as on U-boat bases.

Failure to defeat the U-boat means the defeat of our cause. Success means its victory.

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TO-MORROW:

What Next in

the Balkans?

By SIR RONALD

STORRS,

One of the greatest authorities

on the Near and Middle East.

PADEREWSKI ON AMERICAN AID

American aid for the Allies was discussed with unusual frankness by M. Paderewski, the pianist and first Prime Minister of modern Poland, in a broadcast made from his hotel in New York. He told Americans that contribution to the war effort meant sacrifice, not deals.

"All of you are under the impression that your present collaboration for the final victory of the democracies is something that deserves general appreciation and praise," he said. "Far from under-estimating the importance of your help to date I have to make some reservations as far as your contributions are concerned."

"First of all the cash and carry rule leaves you very little opportunity. Even the transaction of exchanging 50 destroyers against important strategical naval bases has again to be considered rather as a deal than as a contribution."

"Contribution means sacrifice. Don't you Americans realise that every plane, every load of munitions, which reaches England postpones the prospect of your eventual armed intervention?"

Common Victory

"Across the ocean there are millions of men already fighting and eager to fight for the final victory which is the common victory of civilisation and democracy. They need proper arms, they need food, they begin to feel a shortage of the means of transportation and they need financial assistance."

"Their defeat would directly endanger this country. Their victory will be your victory too."

M. Paderewski said that there was no truth in a report that he had vowed not to play the piano again until Poland was liberated.

Emergency Plans For N. E. I.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BATAVIA, Mar. 10 (UP).—The British Consulate here has issued circulars to English subjects in the Netherlands East Indies, suggesting that they keep a moderate store of canned goods and gasoline and money in their houses in case of emergency.

The British authorities insist that these are only precautionary measures for those Britons who intend to stay here.

According to reliable English circles, the lawn at the British Consulate has been torn up by workers constructing large raid shelters.

U.S. Treatment Of Negroes

"Threat to Democracy"

The most striking flaw in American democracy is its treatment of Negroes, Edwin R. Embree, president of the Julius Rosenwald Fund of Chicago, declared recently in an address to the Yale Graduate Sociology Club.

"Our attitude toward this race is a threat to the whole theory and practice of democracy," he declared. "So long as we degrade one segment of the people, we set a pattern of caste and discrimination that may easily be transferred to other groups."

To prove the progress of the Negro, he cited the following statistics: literacy has jumped from five per cent at the time of emancipation to 85 per cent to-day; the death rate has dropped from 32 per 1,000 in 1890 to 15 per 1,000 to-day; economic status has climbed until 700,000 Negroes now own their own homes and 150,000 own their own farms.

"They are still far from making their full contribution to American culture and prosperity," he said. "We must go much further in equalising opportunities."

Pressure on Willkie To Change War Stand

The "New York Post" recently reported that "publisher Roy W. Howard, of the "New York World-Telegram," was only one of a number of persons who attempted to induce Wendell L. Willkie to change his stand on the war issue and oppose President Roosevelt's aid-to-Britain policy."

The article stated that Verne Marshall, head of the No Foreign War Committee, and William Rhodes Davis, international oil operator, who is said to have brought Germany's peace terms to America, both "argued with Willkie" to change stand.

"This was confirmed by Willkie," said the "New York Post," after Marquis W. Childs, Washington correspondent of the "St. Louis Post Dispatch" obtained the information at the Capital.

"Davis and Marshall, it was established, went together to Hobie Sound, Florida, while Willkie was on vacation there recently and attempted to enlist him in opposition to the Administration policies."

DEFENCE COMMITTEE IN INDIA

NEW DELHI, Mar. 10 (Reuters).—Great satisfaction at the appointment of Lieutenant-General Claude Auchinleck as Commander-in-Chief was expressed in the Assembly today in a debate on the question of the appointment of a Defence Committee.

A Government spokesman said that General Auchinleck was firmly of the opinion that the possibilities of his receiving the view and advice of representatives of the public on the one hand and his giving them useful information useful on the other, required regularization. General Auchinleck hoped that arrangements would be worked out whereby this can begin to effect.

If members would like to go and see the Indian troops on active service, the Defence Secretary would make arrangements for them.

Frontier Loyalty

PESHAWAR, Mar. 10 (Reuters).—A gathering of 800 Afridis and other tribes presented £75 to the Governor of the North-West Frontier Province and expressed their loyalty to the Government.

They also expressed a desire to join the army and fight Hitler.

Police Reserve Orders Issued

Orders by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police:

Strength.—Constable (R) 43 Lin Kau-shing has been permitted to resign from the Chinese Company, as from March 5.

Training Course—Part III.—The following have passed Part III of Training Course on January 12, 1941:

Constable (R) Luk Fook-hoi, (R) 102 Lam Yip-tai, (R) 103 Choi Ching-chee, (R) 104 Lam Han-po, (R) 187 Mark Pak-lo, (R) 100 Thang Hon-tao, (R) 101 Lam Tsok-jun, (R) 104 Ip Fook-chau and "D" Course.

Training Course—Part IV.—Those detailed will attend Prince's Building, 1st Floor, on April 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 hours sharp. Patrol Duty.—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Indra Company:

Commissioner—Police Sergeant (R) 214 Channa Singh is highly commended and granted the Commended Service Bar by the Commissioner for his work and alertness in arresting a Chinese male on January 4, 1941, which subsequently led to the arrest of four other Chinese males who were all convicted at the February Session of the Arakan High Court.

Training Course—Part II.—Those detailed will attend Indian Company Headquarters on Tuesdays, March 11, at 17.30 hours and examination in Part II of Training Course.

Training Course—Part III.—Those detailed will attend Indian Company Headquarters on Friday, March 14, at 17.30 hours for Part III of Training Course, Dress-Blue Uniform.

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Flying Squad:

Training Course—Part I.—Members of the Hongkong Section will attend Central Police Station on Tuesday and Friday, March 11 and 14, at 17.15 hours for Part I of Training Course, Dress-Blue Uniform.

Members of the Kowloon Section will attend Police Training School, Kowloon on Friday, March 14, at 17.30 hours for Part III of Training Course.

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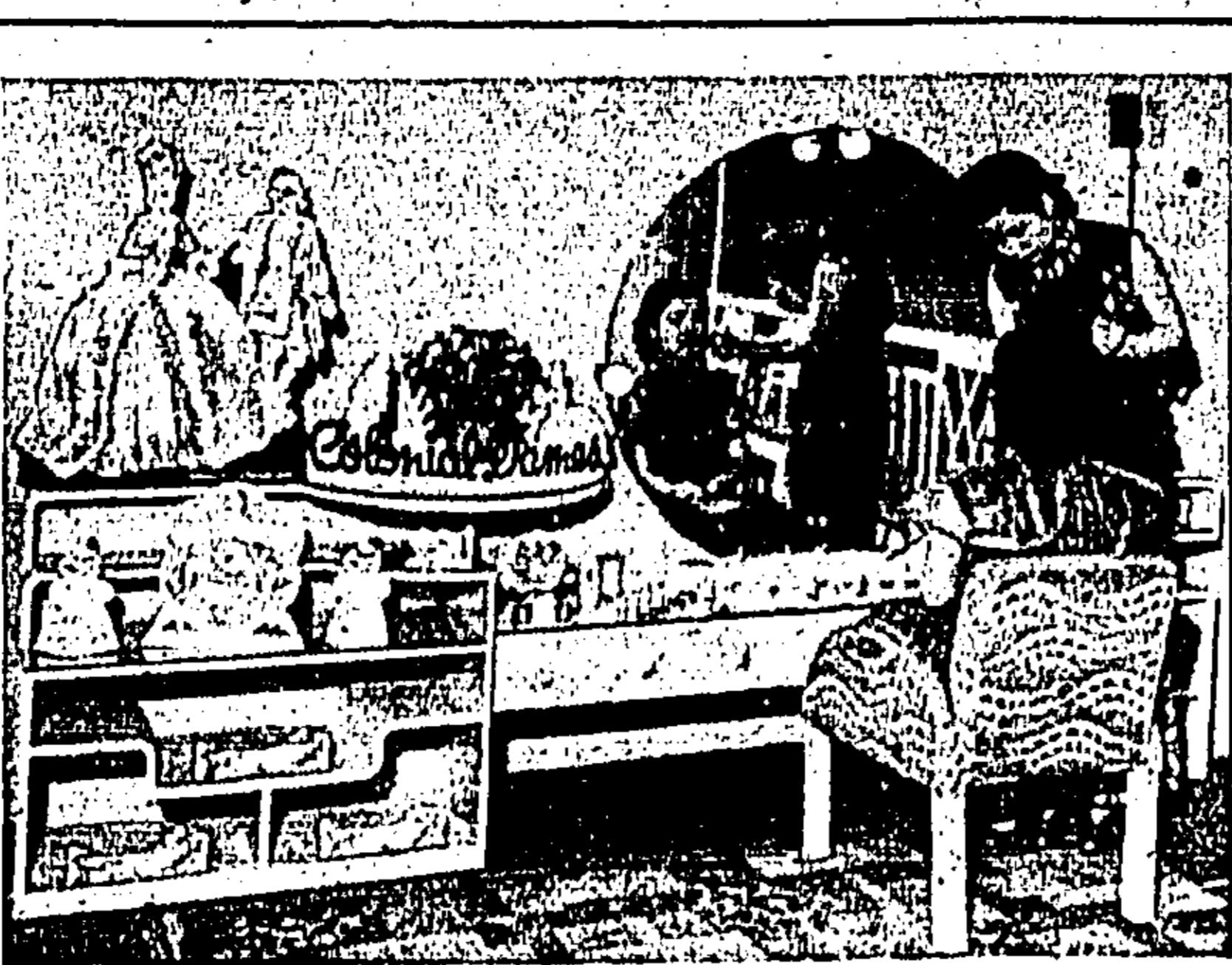
Emergency Unit Reserve:

Strength—Police Sergeant (R) 427 J. C. Power has been permitted to resign from Emergency Unit Reserve, as from February 1, 1941.

Training Course—Part II.—All members of the "D" Company who have not qualified in Part II of Training Course will attend on Tuesdays, March 11 and 14, at 17.15 hours sharp for Instructions under Lance Sergeant (R) 481 E. R. Butcher.

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

O. Eager,
D. C. P. (R)



Miss Irene Lau, trained beauty expert of the A.P.S. Cosmetic Shop, is here seen giving a demonstration of three-dimensional makeup, the last word in beauty culture. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

UNION CHURCH MEETING

Activities of Year

The 17th annual meeting of the Kowloon Union Church was held yesterday. Mr. A. W. Ittigam, Chairman of Committee, presided. Present were Rev. Frank Short, Supervising Minister, Rev. J. E. Sandbach and Rev. E. Moreton, of the Methodist Church, and several members.

Reviewing activities, Mr. Herbert Noble, Hon. Secretary, said:

Early in the year, at the suggestion of the Supervising Minister, a Church Club was organised with the object of providing opportunities for fellowship, both devotional and recreational, between members of the Forces and members. The Club held a few successful meetings and seemed to have every chance of prosperity but has fallen on evil days since July.

On the December 23 the Club entertained a group of poor children, nobly assisted by girls from the Heep Yunn School.

The church is greatly indebted to Mr. A. N. Mackenzie for his constant care of the property; to Mrs. Mackenzie for her care of Communion Linen, a responsibility undertaken in July by Mrs. Richards in addition to that of arranging the flowers. We also have to thank Mrs. Richards for many other deeds of kindness. The church is most fortunate in its voluntary workers.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Short for giving so much time and thought to the welfare of the church; Rev. K. MacKenzie, Dow, of the Union Church, Hongkong; Mr. Sandbach and Mr. Moreton for their help in holding the Sunday Services.

Income was \$9,507, which was disbursed on various activities. Ordinary contributions were \$1,881.

The largest individual item of income was Munroe Hall, which amounted to \$2,400. The balance of \$1,000 standing to the credit of the Reconstruction Account was utilised in renovating and repairing the Church and Munroe Hall.

The information disclosed that the Belgian troops in Africa were expected to play an important part in military developments.

COMPANY REPORTS

Dairy Farm's Allocation Of Year's Profit

Subject to audit, the Directors of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., will recommend to shareholders at the ordinary yearly meeting to be held on Thursday, April 3, 1941, at noon, that after depreciating Fixed Assets and providing for Directors' and Auditors' Fees, the balance at Profit and Loss Account as at December 31, 1940, amounting to \$302,439.39, which includes \$5,367.52 brought forward from last account and from which has been deducted \$146,067.50 interim dividend paid, be appropriated as follows:

Pay a final dividend of \$1 per share	\$203,335.00
Transfer to Cattle Reserve	25,000.00
Carry Forward	74,04.39
	\$302,439.39

Belgian Army Of 90,000 Help British In Africa

A Belgian army of 90,000 men has been organised in the Belgian Congo for action with the British. It was disclosed recently at the New York office of the Belgian Embassy. Of this number, it was stated, "several divisions" were sent to Kenya some time ago.

These are now co-operating with the British in action against Italian East Africa. There also are some Belgian units fighting with the British in Libya.

War supplies for the Belgian army in question are being purchased in the United States with gold mined in the Congo.

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GOVERNOR RETURNS

Sir Geoffrey Due This Week

The Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, who has been in England on sick leave for 10 months, is expected to return this week.

A communiqué from the Colonial Secretariat yesterday stated that Sir Geoffrey was due on Thursday or Friday. It was impossible to give more than a few hours' notice of the actual time of his arrival, but Sir Geoffrey had notified the Government that if possible he would be glad to see on Queen's Pier where he arrived senior naval and military officers, who will be notified, Judges, members of the Councils and Comptroller, members of the Councils and Comptroller, heads of departments, all without their wives.

There will be no guard of honour and at Sir Geoffrey's request, dress will be service uniform or lounge suit.

Sir Geoffrey, who took up his post here on October 28, 1937, left on May 19, last year for a holiday in Ceylon, having been indisposed for some weeks. It was announced that he would be absent for only a few months and Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, became officer administering the Government.

In July, however, it was announced that Lieut.-General E. F. Norton had been appointed acting Governor as Sir Geoffrey had continued to England. Lieut.-General Norton, who arrived on August 6, has not been in good health recently and has had to cancel many engagements.

When Sir Geoffrey left England in January he intimated that he was making the trip to Hongkong via America.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The market gives an impression of neglect. But there are quite a few enquiries which disclose a dearth of available scrip.

Buyers

H.K. Banks \$1,335.

Union Ins. \$317.50.

Lights \$6.15.

Lights Rts. .95cts.

Sellers

H.K. Banks \$1,350.

Providents \$17.50.

Hotels \$3.40.

Lands \$32.

Trams \$16.75.

Sales

H.K. Banks \$1,345.

Providents \$5.75.

Lights Rts. .70cts.

Cements \$16.00.

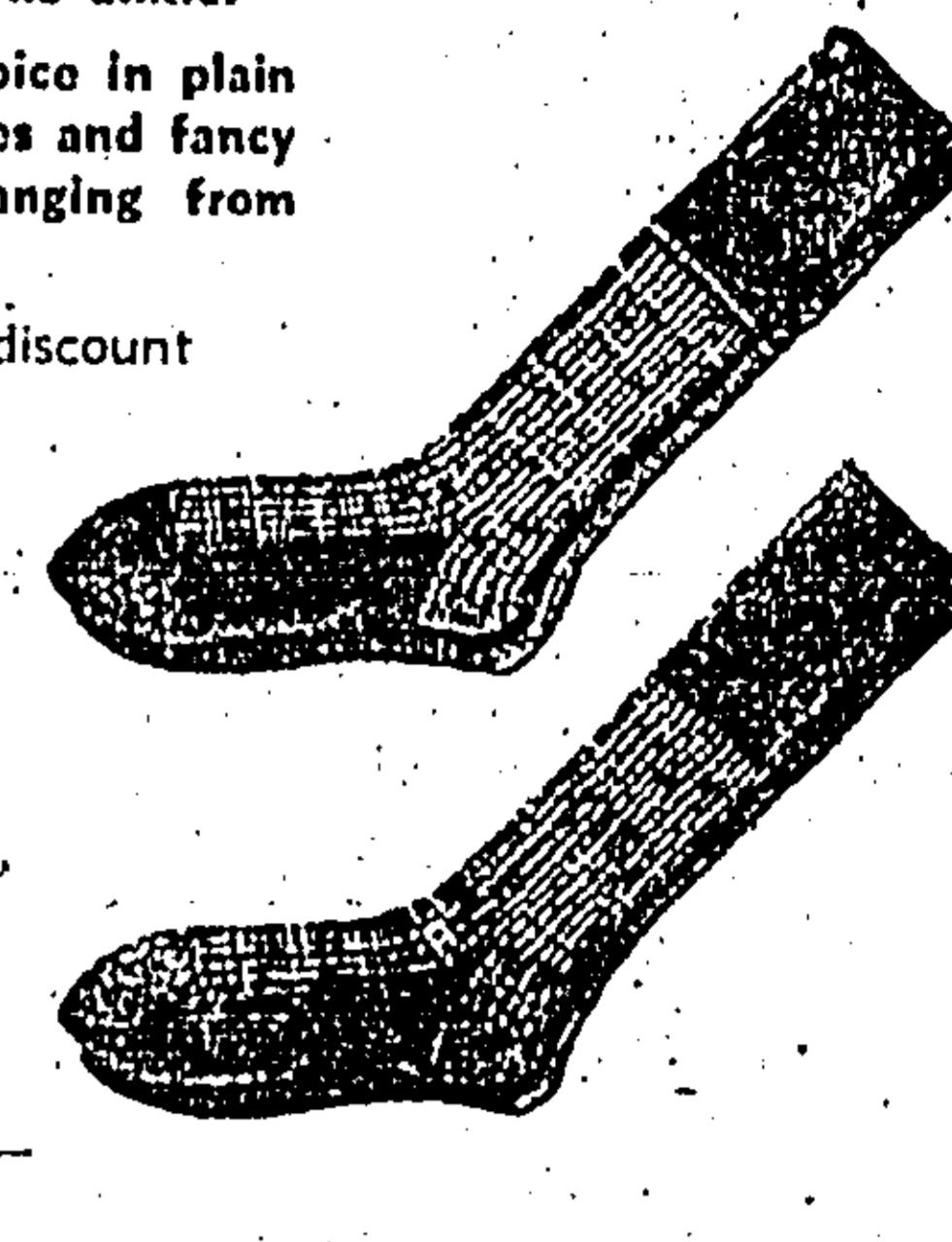
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Macao Provides The Better Hockey XI

Superb Defence Carries Day For Portuguese Colony: Hongkong Fail On Heavy Ground

(By "Pilgrim")

IT WAS a thousand pities that rain fell steadily at Macao during the forenoon of last Sunday to mar to some extent the standard of hockey usually seen at the annual interport matches.

In some parts of the field the turf churned up badly, and in others pools of water formed, but on the whole, the pitch did not play too badly. Most of us, however, were glad of the brilliant sunshine at 3 p.m. just prior to the commencement of the game.

There were some changes in the Macao team. R. Rosario was unable to turn out at right back owing to illness; Santos Ferreira took his place, and Trigo Silva was seen at left half. The Hongkong team appeared as published.

It was Macao who took the first goal after a few minutes. A. Alrosa, who was playing well and tackling hard, despatched a pass to F. Nolisco, and the right-winger sent in a shot which Benwell never saw.

The Portuguese forwards set up many attacks and kept the Colony defence actively employed.

Then L. Costa took possession and during a neat one-handed dribbling bout, he passed Bond and drawing Benwell out of goal scored with a clever shot to give Macao a 2-0 lead.

Though the Hongkong keeper was on the alert, the defence of Bond and Goncalves was at sixes and sevens, and were almost run off their feet.

The deficit, however, spurred Hongkong to greater efforts and for a time they maintained heavy pressure. And during a breakaway, Ozorio ran through to reduce the score which then stood at 2-1 in Macao's favour, and this remained until half-time.

H.K. Attack Improves

AFTER the interval, Hongkong gained a marked ascendancy—but not for long—and with their inside forwards doing a tremendous amount of work, had they been given better support the local side might have equalised.

Two good scoring opportunities in the first ten minutes by Ozorio and Brown went begging.

A. Alrosa was playing a great distributive game at centre-half, and his passes set his forwards on the move on several occasions. He was the outstanding figure on the field.

L. Costa, left inner, was also an artist with his stickwork, and was always heading for the circle when he had the chance. It was only Bond's timely tackling and clearances that kept him in check.

However, the home team gained another goal when five minutes from the end. Albert Alrosa ran in to score from a rebound from Benwell.

Grand Combination

Trigo Silva and Basto were grand, and all praise must be awarded to the Macao defence. Almada in goal was cool; seldom made a mistake and sighted the shots with remarkable quickness.

Silva, left half, and Basto, left back, were seen to great advantage in close and keen tackling:

Macao's team-work, which spoke for itself, was far superior to that of Hongkong.

There seemed to be a lack of stinging among the Hongkong forwards, though they never gave up trying. W. A. Reed was not at his best at centre-half, and failed on several occasions to follow up. R. Marques was the better of the wing halves, defending strongly and showing smart tackling powers.

Play was fast and exciting throughout, and under these circumstances the better team won.

The match was controlled by E. Hussain and A. E. P. Guest.

WORLD INDOOR ATHLETIC RECORDS

At the 22nd annual Knights of Columbus Championships, meet the Madison Square Garden to-day, Earle Meadows smashed the world's indoor pole vault record with 14 feet 7½ inches.

Al Blozis heaved the 16 lb. shot 51 feet 2½ inches and John Borian Ashly Park won the Casey 100-yard invitation in 1 minute 10.2 seconds. Both were world records.—Donegal.

Ranji Trophy

MADRAS, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Maharashtra won the Ranji Trophy for the second year in succession, beating Madras by six wickets, beat Morrison.

Former Kent Captain Killed Lieut G. B. Legge

LONDON, Feb. 8 (Reuter).—The death while flying has been announced of Lieut. Geoffry Bevington Legge, R.N.V.R., Fleet Air Arm, the former Kent County Cricket Club captain. He was 37. One of the many splendid cricketers produced by Malvern, Legge received his blue at Oxford in 1925 and in the following summer he captained the University team. In both seasons he headed the batting averages.

Kent Captain

In 1928 Legge took over the captaincy of Kent and, thanks largely to his management of the side in the 1930 County Championship. He led the county for another two years before business claims compelled him to resign the position. He took part in little more first-class cricket.

Like most Malvern batsmen, Legge showed special strength in off-driving and cutting and possessed an excellent style. He was a sure fieldsman, particularly in the slips.

University Athletic Heats Held Yesterday

HEATS for the annual inter-Hotel sports were held by the University at Polokulam yesterday. These were in the 100 yards, the 220 yards and the long jump. J. H. Hall and Elliot Hall eliminated St. John's Hall, Morrison Hall respectively in the tug-of-war.

Results were:

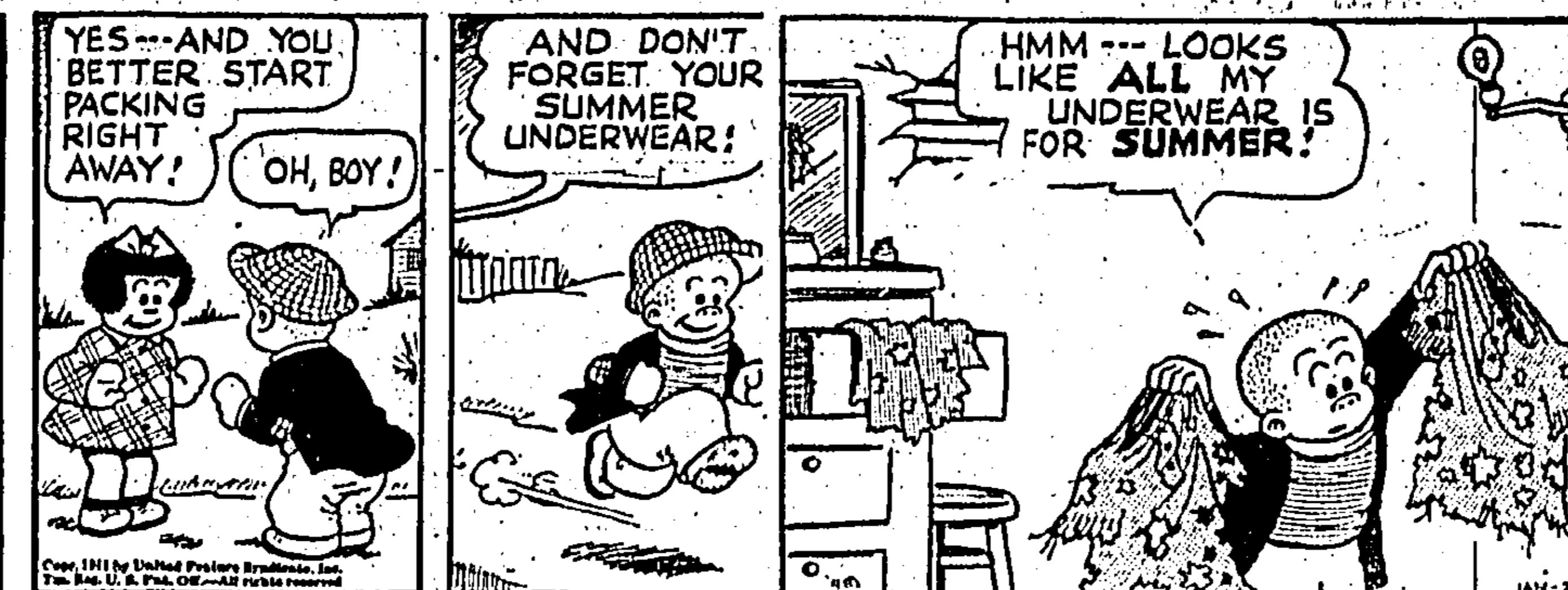
Further heats of the University Sports, due to be held on Saturday April 11, were held yesterday at Polokulam.

The results were as follows:

100 Yards—Heat 1—1. S. H. Zatzeff (Lugard); 2. S. H. Leung (Morrison); Time, 10.4-5 secs. Heat 2—1. S. H. Leung (Morrison); 2. S. H. Zatzeff (Lugard); Time, 10.2-3 secs. Heat 3—1. T. T. Chin (Elliot); 2. Xavier (Elliot); Time, 10.4-5 secs. Heat 4—1. W. S. Gent (Morrison); 2. E. K. Morrison (Lugard); Time, 10.4-5 secs.

220 Yards—Heat 1—1. S. H. Leung (Elliot); 2. J. Fenton (Morrison); Time, 25 secs. Heat 2—1. W. S. Gent (Lugard); 2. S. H. Zatzeff (Lugard); Time, 25.2-3 secs. Heat 3—1. S. Mahmood (Lugard); 2. S. H. Zatzeff (Lugard); Time, 23.2-5 secs. Heat 4—1. J. C. M. Au (Morrison); 2. Wong Kok-sing (Lugard); Time, 19.2-3 secs. Heat 5—1. S. Mahmood (Lugard); 10 ft. 0 ins.; 2. T. T. Chin (Elliot); 10 ft. 0 ins. Heat 6—1. S. Mahmood (Lugard); 18 ft. 0 ins.; 2. T. T. Chin (Elliot); 10 ft. 0 ins. Heat 7—1. S. Mahmood (Lugard); 18 ft. 0 ins.; 2. T. T. Chin (Elliot); 10 ft. 0 ins. Heat 8—1. S. Mahmood (Lugard); 18 ft. 0 ins.; 2. T. T. Chin (Elliot); 10 ft. 0 ins. Heat 9—1. S. Mahmood (Lugard); 18 ft. 0 ins.; 2. T. T. Chin (Elliot); 10 ft. 0 ins. Heat 10—1. S. Mahmood (Lugard); 18 ft. 0 ins.; 2. T. T. Chin (Elliot); 10 ft. 0 ins. Heat 11—1. S. Mahmood (Lugard); 18 ft. 0 ins.; 2. T. T. Chin (Elliot); 10 ft. 0 ins. Heat 12—1. S. Mahmood (Lugard); 18 ft. 0 ins.; 2. T. T. Chin (Elliot); 10 ft. 0 ins. 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FOOD FOR
FRANCE

Darlan's Warning

Vichy, Mar. 10. The Premier, Admiral Darlan, in the presence of Marshal Petain, told American correspondents to-day that he would order the French fleet to escort foodships unless Britain showed more comprehension of the serious food situation in France. However, he denied reports that he had already ordered such escort.

Simultaneously it was announced that another French freighter had been seized by the British south of Capetown, making the 14th since January 10th since the armistice.

Admiral Darlan said that he had notified Admiral Leahy, the American Ambassador, of the acute food situation. He said that the British attempt to starve Germany was ineffective as was shown by Germany releasing 2,000,000 of her 270,000,000 quintals to France.

He did not intend to protect foodships for the next two weeks, after which he would be forced to do so in order to prevent the starvation of 40,000,000 French.—United Press.

Supplies For Children

Vichy, Mar. 10. The American Ambassador, Admiral Leahy, to-day issued a statement announcing the arrival of the third foodship within three weeks, but did not state whether it was bringing oatmeal which the British Government refused to allow.

Admiral Leahy declared—“The Government arranged recently that an American Red Cross ship, which the British Government agreed to allow to pass through the blockade, should bring to France some badly needed supplies for children and the sick. I am most happy that the ship Gold Harbour, carrying milk, vitamins, drugs and clothing for distribution through the American Red Cross to French children has arrived at Marseilles and in less than three weeks’ time another Red Cross vessel will arrive with additional quantities of foodstuffs, clothing and medical supplies.”

“These supplies are the gift of the American people to the people of France and are symbolic of their sympathy for France in her hour of need and of their friendship. It is my sincere hope that it may be possible to send increasing quantities of supplies to be distributed among the civilian population in unoccupied France.”—United Press.

Children Line Dock

Marseilles, Mar. 10. The long-awaited American relief ship carrying babies' woolens, medicines and vitamin concentrates arrived to-day. Scores of French children lined the dock waving French and American flags, but the deepest gratitude was felt by mothers throughout the free zone who, for weeks, have had to close their ears to the cries of their children whose hunger was unpeased because of the terrible short milk ration, which was barely enough to keep their babies alive.—United Press.

DUCE IN
ALBANIAHopeless Report
By Cavallero

Athens, Mar. 10. Mussolini had visited the Italian forces in Albania, according to a statement by Italian prisoners who add that the Duce received a despairing account of the present position from General Cavallero, Italian Commander-in-Chief. There is at present no confirmation, however, of these reports.

Newspapers, basing their claims on the prisoners' stories assert that three Fascist leaders have been killed during the fighting in Albania, namely Botali, Minister of Education, Clamet, Under Secretary for Corporations, and Deputy Int'l. The Greeks state Botali's body was carried off only after the Italians made a desperate effort. A letter was found on the body of a man supposed to be Botali. It was said to be from Mussolini and declared that unless the Greek attack were repulsed, Fascism would receive a death blow.

Mussolini's tour, it is said, accomplished in an armoured car equipped with machine-guns.—Reuter.

Seven Italians Downed

London, Mar. 10. The R.A.F. has achieved new successes in Albania, according to a communiqué issued in Athens to-day. Bombing raids were made last night in the Tepelin area. Six Italian fighters and one bomber were brought down during engagements yesterday.

A severe battering was administered by the R.A.F. to the Italian port of Durazzo on Saturday night. There were many explosions and great fires broke out in the harbour.—Reuter Bulletin.

Italian Air Claims

London, Mar. 10. To-day's Italian war communiqué reported local activity on the ground and considerable air activity in Albania, adding that four enemy aircraft were shot down.—Reuter.

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SHELTERS
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Now Available

The Air Raid Precautions Department has had made a number of modified Anderson Shelters and these are now available for supply to the public.

Experience of recent air raids in Great Britain has proved the value of these shelters as protection against high explosive bombs. They are suitable for erection in small gardens or backyards.

The modified Anderson Shelters will be supplied to applicants at cost price, which is \$148 each for a shelter capable of holding six to eight persons. This price is exclusive of transport from the store to the purchaser's address, which must be borne by the purchaser himself, but a book of instructions will be provided free with each shelter.

As the supply of shelters is limited, intending purchasers should apply without delay to the Director of Air Raid Precautions, Air Raid Precautions School, No. 88 Morrison Hill Road, Hongkong.

BOMBER FUND RAFFLE DEPOT



The Monster raffle organised by the Hongkong War Effort Committee and the South China Morning Post, Ltd., in aid of the Bomber Fund is receiving every support from the public. Innumerable handsome prizes are offered, the first prize being a new Sunbeam-Talbot sports car donated by Messrs Gilman and Co., Ltd. Photo shows the main depot for sale of tickets at the Star Ferry wharf. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

Decrease In
Kowloon
Storage

While the contents of Island reservoirs at the end of February showed an increase over those at the corresponding date in 1940, reservoirs in Kowloon showed an appreciable decrease.

On the Island, the storage was 1,332.27 million gallons against 1,054.38 million gallons, and on the Mainland the figures were 1,339.00 and 914.85.

Consumption of water on the Island during the month was 309.87 million gallons (including 174.04 million gallons from the Mainland and 2.37 million gallons of unfiltered water) by an estimated population of 830,000 at the rate of 17.1 gallons per head per day. The rate in February, 1940, was 15.1 gallons per day by an estimated population of 960,000.

In Kowloon, excluding the Lat Chi Kok Water Boat Dock, the consumption during February was 297.25 million gallons by an estimated population of 770,000, or 13.8 gallons per head per day, as against 290.17 million gallons by 800,000 persons at the rate of 11.2 gallons per head per day in February, 1940.

The Lat Chi Kok Water Boat Dock consumed 3.53 million gallons, as against 0.45, and the consumption of unfiltered water in the villages totalled 12.15 million gallons against 10.38 the previous February.

There was a 17-hour supply during the month. In 1940 there was a full supply from February 6-8 (Chinese New Year) and a 17-hour supply otherwise on all other days.

Rainfall recorded during the month was: Botanical Gardens, 5.87 inches, Tytan Tuk 5.49, Tytan 6.10, Wong Nei Chong 5.20, Pokfulam 5.06, Aberdeen 6.42, Royal Observatory 5.64, Shing Mun No. 1 5.40, Shing Mun No. 2 4.90, Shing Mun No. 3 4.55, Shing Mun No. 4 5.34, Shing Mun No. 5.20, Shing Mun No. 6 5.02, Kowloon 5.33, Shek Li Pul 4.88, Tai Po 5.38, Fanling 5.75, Un Long 4.05 and Tai Lam Chung 0.14.

The reports of the Government Bacteriologist and Analyst show that the quality of the water was excellent on both sides of the Harbour.

Donations For
Bomber Fund

A total of \$1,500,000.43 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, with the following contributions:

Mrs R. Lanczi (P. P. C.)	\$ 20
Incurable	12
"Saturday Night Club"	9.30
Mr J. G. McClelland (Gumtree)	2
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The Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children have received the sum of \$10 from "H. B." in memory of the late Mr John Lowrie.

Donations to Charity

A sum of £750 has been remitted to the Royal Alfred Institution for the relief of distress amongst members of the British Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets and their dependents, by the British War Organisation Fund.

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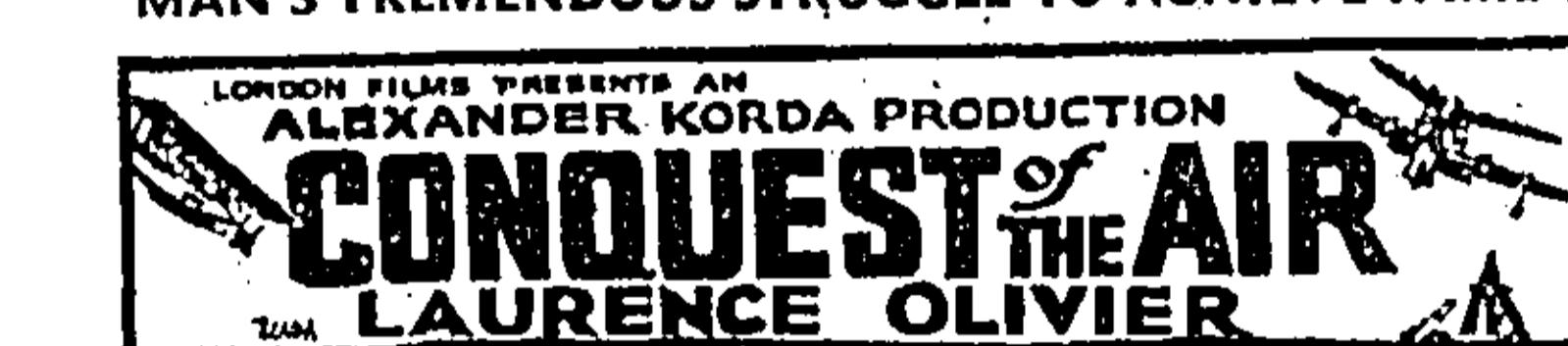
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British Seize Another French Ship

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seize our cargo ships, it would be necessary, in order to put an end to this, to have our ships escorted by warships."

Protest To S. Africa

The French Government is understood to have protested to the South African Government against the alleged stopping south of Cape Town, of the French cargo ship the Ville de Majunga by a British cruiser, reports the official French news agency to-night.

The protest is stated to say that such actions far from the theatre of operations are unjustified and can have no effect on the result of the war.

The French ship was on her way from Dakar to Madagascar. She is stated to be fourteenth ship seized by the British Navy since the beginning of the year and the 108th since the Armistice.

U.S. Steamer Arrives

VICHY, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The arrival at Marseilles of the United States steamer Cold Harbour, carrying a cargo of food and other necessities for French children and invalids, was announced to-day by Admiral William Leahy, the United States Ambassador.

He added that the steamer Exmouth was expected in three weeks with a similar cargo.

U.S. Intercession

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—It is regarded here as likely that the United States will intercede in the blockade dispute between Britain and the Vichy Government, which is evidently viewed gravely here.

How far the United States Government is prepared to go in seeking concessions from the British is a matter for conjecture.

President Roosevelt himself, it will be recalled, was responsible for obtaining Britain's consent to despatch milk, clothing and medicines to Unoccupied France.

Britain Explains

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—A spokesman of the Ministry of Economic Warfare said, "We in this country continue to hope that France will show understanding of our blockade policy. If there were any means of helping unoccupied France without helping Germany, the British Government would be prepared to consider them but so far no such proposals have been put forward. It must be remembered that the French Government has accepted the principle of economic collaboration with Germany."

"Admiral Darlan may be responsible for feeding 40,000,000 people in France. Britain, however, is fighting to free not only 40,000,000 in France but many times that number of enslaved people in Europe. The Germans may have released 2,000,000 quintals of wheat for France, but this scarcely reflects on their generosity since they are only returning a fraction of the wheat they have looted from France in the last ten months."

Passengers Aboard Kashima Maru

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

YOKOHAMA, Mar. 10 (Domei).—Two American-born Japanese sailed from here for Australia—at noon-to-day to assist Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, first Japanese Minister to Australia. They are Hidemichi Tokimasa a graduate of Hawaii University, and Miss Tomae Tsutsumida, graduate of Saint Maria's High School in California.

Many American and English passengers were also aboard the Kashima Maru which is scheduled to call at Kobe, Hongkong, Manila, Sydney, and Melbourne.

Alfonso Returns To Spain

BERLIN, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The body of the late King Alfonso has been taken across the French frontier into Spain, states a telegram to the official newsgency.

The body will be laid to rest in the Royal Vault at the Escorial in the next few days.

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BRITAIN MAY OBTAIN MORE DESTROYERS FROM UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, MAR. 10 (REUTER).—THERE IS SOME REASON TO BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WILL ANNOUNCE THE TRANSFER OF ANOTHER BATCH OF DESTROYERS TO BRITAIN SHORTLY AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE LEASE AND LEND BILL.

BRITISH NAVY'S GRIM BATTLE

To Defeat Nazi Blockade

(By "Reuter's" Naval Correspondent)

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The opening phases of the battle for Britain in 1941 are being fought out far from the sight of land, in and above the troubled wastes of the Atlantic Ocean.

It is relentless, ceaseless and silent warfare of which little will ever be heard save for an occasional trickle of news of some heroic exploit. But the progress of the battle will be marked in the periodic figures of British and Allied shipping losses, and in the tally of the damage inflicted on enemy raiders both on the sea and in the air.

With the improvement of the weather as the spring "campaigning season" opens it is becoming clear that immediate German strategy in the west is an endeavour to implement the threat made by Hitler in his last speech of intensified naval warfare on an unprecedented scale.

The Germans are determined to do their utmost to cut the ocean lifeline along which food and supplies reach Britain, and with the American Lend and Lease Bill on the threshold of becoming law they will concentrate, too, on the impending flow of vital American war materials to Britain.

The German advance last year with its ensuing occupation of 2,000 miles of European coastline presented a new problem which the British Navy and Air Force are tackling with greater determination.

Convoys New Supplies

When President Roosevelt signs the Lease and Lend Bill, which will bring supplies to Britain, the Navy's task will be further increased as they must then find further convoys to ensure the safe arrival of these supplies.

The main battle area lies north-westwards from Britain and eastwards from Iceland, and here the naval vessels are fitted with the newest devices for detecting submarines and are waging a day and

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New Air Bases For America

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).

—Approval was given by the United States Senate to the establishment of air bases on the sites acquired from Britain when it passed to-day the \$245,228,000 authorisation for naval and public works.

This action has the effect of Congressional ratification of the "Destroyers for Bases" deal.

The Senate Naval Committee reported that the total of \$68,250,000 represented the amount necessary to complete the establishment of bases on the sites acquired from Britain.

Yugo-Slavia, Mobilising, Is Ready to Sign Pact

BELGRADE, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The Foreign Minister, M. Cincar-Markovich, is expected to leave for Vienna at any moment to sign a friendship pact between Yugo-Slavia and the Axis Powers.

Some reports say that he has already left.

The pact may be signed tomorrow evening.

Meanwhile, Yugo-Slavia continues to call up troops on a considerable scale.

The Bulgarian newspapers are daily becoming more openly revisionist in tone.

General Zhokov, former Chief of the Bulgarian General Staff, said to Bulgarian students: "We live in

a series of dramatic steps which the President will take before the week is out to give immediate effect to the Bill.

It is believed here that now that the Bill is passed, the legislators who opposed its passage will vote the vast sums required under the Bill on the theory that if the country wants the Bill, it should not be half-hearted about it but should really render all aid short of war.

Regional Status Quo

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The Senate to-day unanimously approved a resolution affirming the principle that the United States Government should not recognise the transfer of any region in the Western Hemisphere from one non-American Power to another.

It provides that if such a transfer appears likely, "the United States shall, in addition to other measures, immediately consult other American Republics to determine upon the steps which should be taken to safeguard their common interests."

The House of Representatives to-day unanimously agreed on the pro-

cedure whereby after a two hours' debate on the Lend and Lend Bill to-morrow, a further vote will be taken on the proposal to agree to all the Senate amendments to the Bill.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Republican, told reporters to-day that in the two roll-calls, 80 out of 95 Senators voted in favour of aid to Britain either for the Lend and Lend Bill or Senator Robert Taft's substitute proposal for a loan of \$2,000,000,000. This, he said, showed a "far more impressive demonstration of national unity than the final roll-call might disclose."

Press Urges Action

NEW YORK, Mar. 10 (UP).—The "New York Times" in an editorial says that following the passage of the Lend and Lend Bill bold action is required. Firstly, preparations must be made to transfer to Britain such weapons, particularly destroyers and planes, as can be spared from America's own armament. Secondly, steps must be taken to consolidate the purchasing programme with the British. Thirdly, production must be enormously accelerated.

The "Philadelphia Record" comments: "We only hope that beginning now the President will proceed to make the most of his powers. The course is now charted; there must be no faltering, no quibbling."

The "Philadelphia Inquirer" declares, "Helping Britain to stop the Axis' 'Plunderland' before it can gain a foothold in the western hemisphere is the prime necessity for our security."

Italians Smashed In New Greek Offensive

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The fourth day of the big Greek offensive against the Italian centre in Albania continues to-day with unabated fury.

The Greek troops, states the Athens radio, are pushing on with the utmost determination. Two mountain ranges have now been almost completely cleared of Italian forces.

The Italians, who have been driven from their network of machine-gun posts, cunningly concealed in deep cavities of rocks, are stated to have suffered heavy casualties, whole detachments being wiped out.

One of the principal units defending the approaches to Teplini, key-town to Valona Harbour, endured particularly severe losses. Nearly all the effectives of the Seventh Blackshirt Battalion were also killed.

A few prisoners were taken, including Major Pellegrini, a member of the Fascist Grand Council.

Duce To Bottai

Another battalion to meet with disaster was commanded by the Italian Education Minister, Bottai, who may have been killed.

Simultaneously, however, several Messerschmitt 110s attacked and machine-gunned the seaplane base.

This followed two alarms during the morning when the enemy approached Malta, presumably on reconnaissance.

Following the mid-day raid, the enemy approached the coast in the afternoon but was turned away without attacking.

There have now been 400 raids on Malta.

Matsuoka Story

CHUNGKING, Mar. 10 (Central News).—Much speculation has been roused in newspaper circles in Shanghai by the action of "Trans-ocean" in "killing" the Matsuoka story.

The agency yesterday issued a story stating that Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, Japanese Foreign Minister, was shortly proceeding to Berlin to confer with German government leaders but ten minutes after the release of the story, it was cancelled. No explanation was given.

Cripps' Friendly Moscow Talk

LONDON, Mar. 10 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that immediately after he returned from Turkey, Sir Stafford Cripps, the British Ambassador, met M. Vishinsky and discussed events in the Balkans and the Near East. It is stated that the conversation was exceptionally friendly.

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Downed Plane Hits Houses

When a German plane was brought down recently over Bromley, Kent, it crashed into two houses and demolished them. The people in the houses were saved by R.A.F. workers. The German pilot was found dead. This picture shows part of the wrecked plane amid the ruins of the two houses.



Singapore Evacuation Indicated

Residents Urged To Leave Areas

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SINGAPORE, Mar. 10 (UP).—The British authorities in Singapore have notified residents in the east and west coastal regions, covering a 200 square-mile area of Singapore to prepare to evacuate, as it is expected that fighting will take place in those areas in the event of Singapore being attacked.

The notification stresses the precautionary nature of the action, but it is added that it might be impossible to give more than 48 hours' warning in the event of hostilities, and therefore, as far as possible, residents should prepare themselves for evacuation now.

Mock Air Attack

Meanwhile, civilians throughout Malaya are being given a taste of war time conditions, the comprehensive defence measures which began on March 6 entering its second phase to-day in which land, sea and air forces, as well as all civilian units are meeting in a simulated attack on the peninsula.

All air raid precaution posts are being manned as Singapore withstands two mock bombing raids and prepares to enforce a complete blackout.

BRITISH BUDGET

Taxes On Services Considered

LONDON, Mar. 10.—The passage of the American Lease and Lend Bill will have repercussions on the British Budget, which the Chancellor of the Exchequer is now preparing, but it will not avert the still heavier imposts from the British tax-payer.

Sir Kingsley Wood will present next month the largest budget in history, but it will not cover expenditure of American war materials which will go into a separate account and will be kept secret until the end of the war.

Already the Chancellor and experts are seeking fresh ways of raising revenue. There may be some increase in direct taxation although this form of taxation has almost reached saturation point.

It is believed that the officials are turning toward expedites like tax on services namely imposts on railway fares, meals in restaurants and the like.

National Income

The Budget speech will be preceded by a candid statement on the national income, designed to give a picture of the nation's real financial strength.

It was recently estimated that the British national income this year of £8,000,000,000 would expand further next year.

Allied with the question is that of inflation. The Government is keeping a watchful eye on that aspect and has emphasised that it will not hesitate to impose the necessary checks if any inflationary tendency becomes apparent.

Sir William Seager

CARDIFF, Mar. 10 (UP).—The former President of the United Kingdom Chamber of Shipping, Sir William Seager, 70, died here to-day.

"Chaotic" State Of Immigration Office Accounts Alleged

Strong criticism of the accounting methods adopted by the Immigration Department was expressed by Mr E. W. Pudney, Accountant General, when the public inquiry into the Immigration Office was opened at the Council Chamber this morning.

The Chief Justice His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor presided, the other members of the Commission being Mr C. Bernard Brown, Mr D. Drummond, Mr H. K. Woo, with Mr K. M. A. Barnett as Secretary.

Mr R. A. Forrest, Immigration Officer was present, as well as Mr J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor.

Mr Pudney referred to the chaotic conditions of the Immigration Office accounts in relation to the cash receipts and payments, and said that the Immigration Office did not seem to have a proper system which could be checked. Treasury officials, including himself, had paid several visits to the office but had found it impossible to check the figures which were in a state of chaos.

Wrong Type Of Men

Referring to the staff engaged by the Immigration Officer, Mr Pudney said that the Office had not secured the right type of men, and he referred to the engagement of a hairdresser as Secretary.

He himself had recommended that Mr A. J. C. Taylor should be transferred from the Supreme Court to the Immigration Office with the idea of attempting to evolve a proper system of accountancy, but he found later that Mr Taylor had been sent to Taipoo to carry out the ordinary duties connected with the Immigration Department.

The shroffs at the Immigration Office had also complained that it was impossible for them to carry out their duties in view of the chaotic state of the office.

Violated Regulations

A contract had been signed by the Immigration Officer with Mr A. E. von Kobza-Nagy to become General Agent which was contrary to Colonial Regulations, as these regulations laid down that in any such contracts in which the handling of Government was concerned, the Agent must be secured to a certain extent, depending on the money he handled, whereas Mr Kobza-Nagy was completely unsecured, although he handled sums of money and issued receipts on behalf of the Government.

Mr Pudney said that had he as Accountant General, been consulted he

British Seize Another French Cargo Ship

VICHY, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The alleged seizure of a French cargo ship called Ville de Majunga by a British cruiser was announced here to-day.

The original communiqué stated that the defence of the Empire would be "energetically assured by French forces alone against all aggressors."

In this connection, the "Havas" agency recalled that Admiral Darlan had repeatedly declared that he would not allow French ships to be seized or French people to die of hunger.

"If our protest should be in vain," the French news agency further reports Admiral Darlan as saying, "and if Britain continues to hold up and

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The very latest type of fire fighting equipment, machines capable of delivering 1,250 gallons per minute, which is more than double the capacity of the best machines at present in the Colony, are expected to arrive in the Colony within the next four months. Mr. J. C. Fitz-Jeremy, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, received yesterday.

Four of these large capacity engines have been ordered, and at least one will be housed in the new Wan Chai Fire Station, at present under construction at the junction of Hennessy Road and Canal Road, East. The machines have 12-cylinder engines, with an R.A.C. rating of 76.8 H.P. developing 240 brake H.P.

The new Fire Station is expected to be completed in August or September this year, when the present Wan Chai Fire Station, near the Oriental Theatre, will move in. The whole of the existing station and quarters will then be handed over to the Auxiliary Fire Service.

The first floor of the new four-storey building, which is estimated to cost \$140,000, has been constructed so as to take the load of the superstructure should it collapse during a bombing raid. The four main doors will be opened by the electrical solenoid catch which is operated from the control room. The doors being counter-balanced, any individual door can be opened as required.

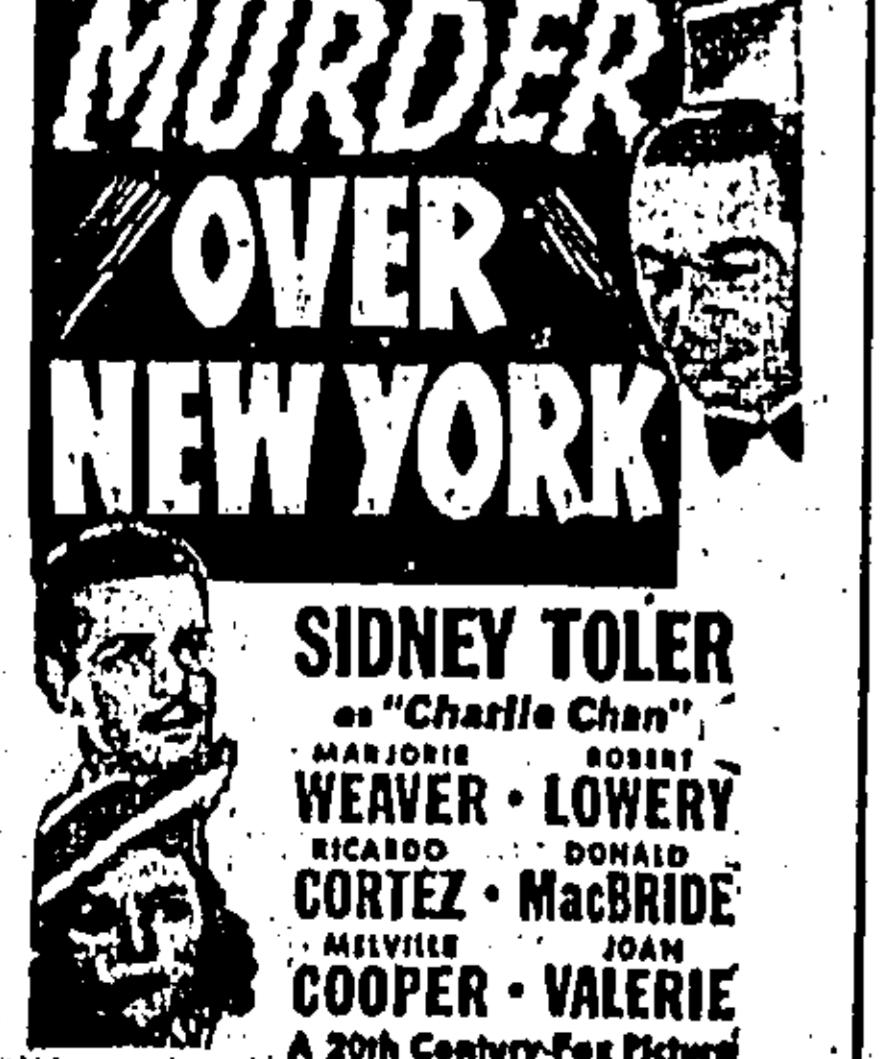
Architects of the Public Works Department, who designed the building, have improved on the accommodation for the station officers and firemen. Two dormitories will be built on the first floor, while the second and third floors will each contain three two-roomed flats and one three-roomed flat for Chinese sub-officers and their families. The men will be supplied with hot water from geysers.

Features of the construction are the store-rooms on the ground floor which can be changed round as required; the gas chamber for the testing of gas masks, etc.; and the well in the yard which will be used for drill purposes.

The station is of reinforced concrete with brick panels, with terrazzo tiles for the external walls of the ground floor.

NEW HOSPITAL

The Hon. Sir Robert Colbeck will formally open the Tai Wo Hospital, No. 1 Balfour Path, at 3 p.m. on March 14.



NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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By order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Monday, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1941.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 16th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE

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H. L. CLEAVE,
Surgeon Commander,
Medical Officer in Charge.
Royal Naval Hospital,
Hong Kong.

10th March, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:

"1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hongkong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April "One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

"2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

By order of the Board of Directors,

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Hongkong, 21st February, 1941.

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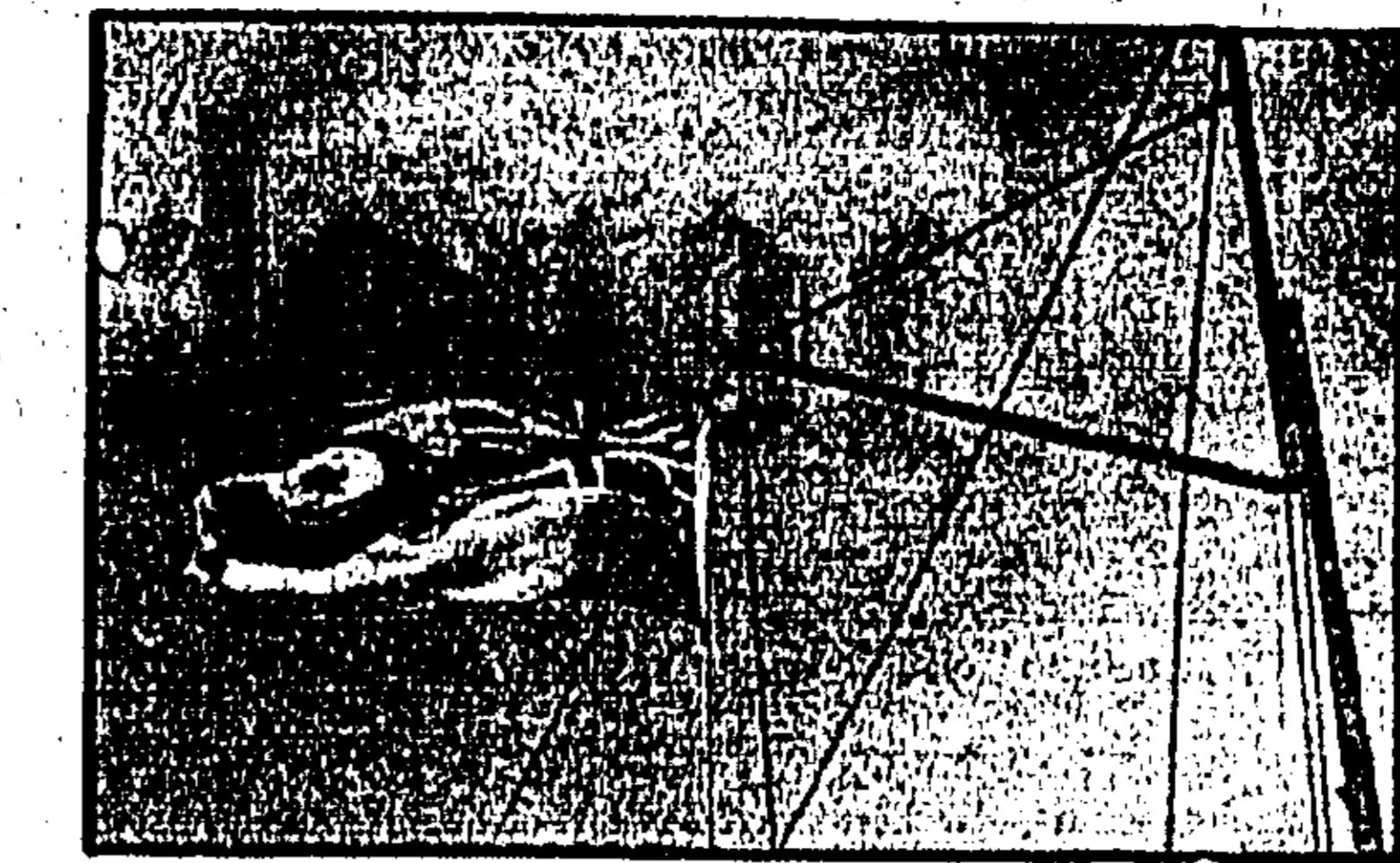
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U.S. Recruits For R.A.F.

10,000 Volunteers

Americans have learned with considerable surprise that not fewer than 10,000 citizens of their country have already volunteered for training with the R.A.F. in Canada since last May and that 2,520 of them have so far been accepted.

This was disclosed in a speech made at the annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents in New York, by Mr. Leonard Brockington, counsellor to the War Committee of the Canadian Cabinet.

300 Each Day

Speaking of the United States citizens who have responded to the call, he said they had come "to help us as volunteers of their own free will, paying their own travelling expenses, some of them hitch-hiking. They come from all over the country. As many as 300 volunteered in one day, Oct. 4," he added, "and every day since then they have presented themselves at the border to apply for entry into the Air Force."

CANADA'S OWN AIR FLAG
now flies over a Royal Air Force station in Britain for the first time. It was hoisted by Air Marshal "Billy" Bishop, the Canadian V.C., who is seen below performing the ceremony.

POST OFFICE

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuan, Kwelchow, Hunan, Fukien (ex-cept Amoy and Kulangsu), Kwangsi (except Wuchow and Yungkiang), North and East of Kwangtung.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

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Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 4th March Mar. 11.

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Canton Mar. 14.

Calcutta and Straits Mar. 14.

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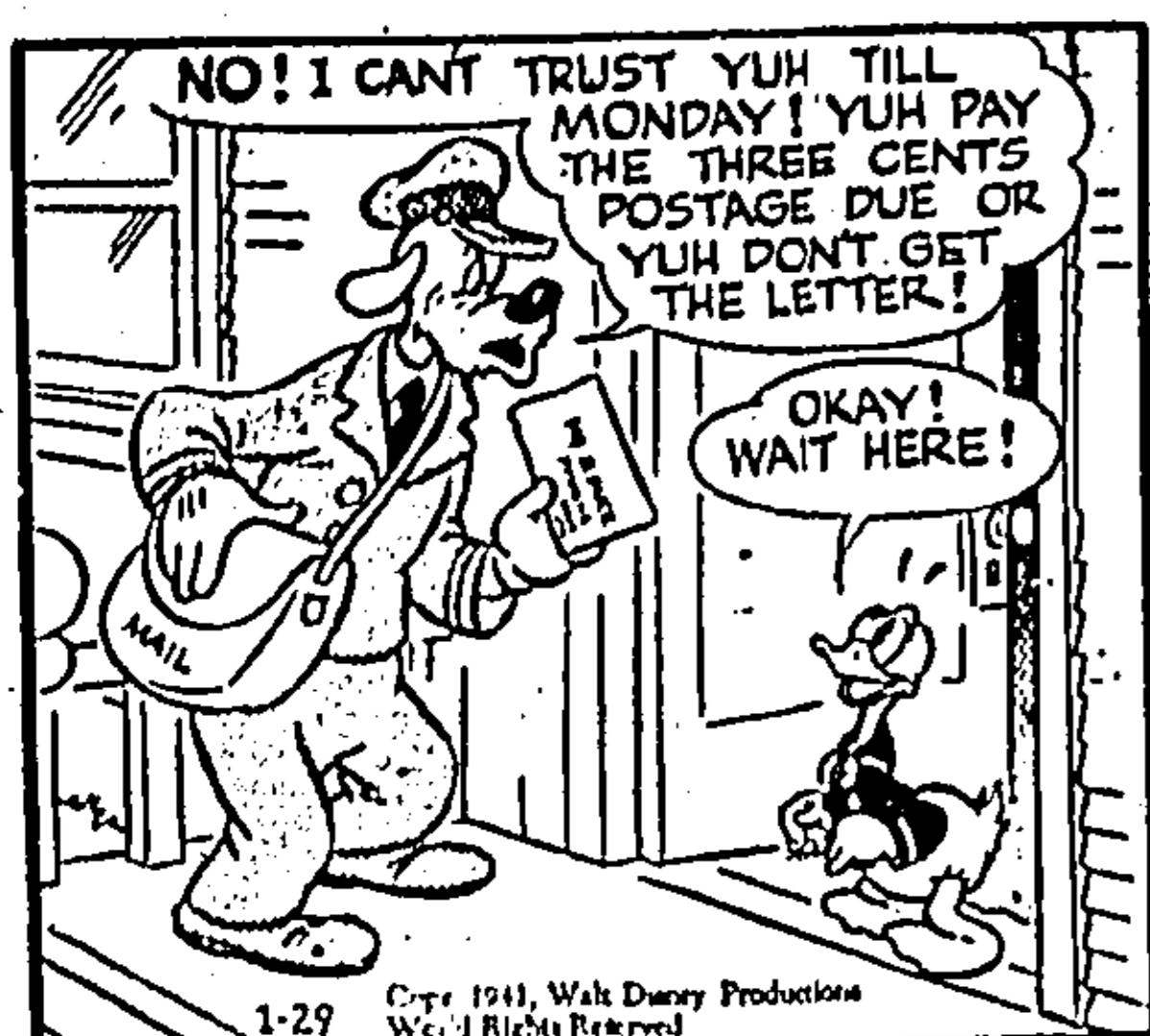
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LOUIS BROMFIELD'S "IT ALL CAME TRUE"

A Warner Bros. picture. The cast includes ANN SHERIDAN as Sal; JEFFREY LYNN as Tommy; HUMPHREY BOGART as Mr Grasselli; SAZU PITTS as Miss Flint; JESSIE BUSLEY as Mrs Taylor and UNA O'CONNOR as Maggie Ryan.

SerIALIZED BY HARRY LEE,

THE STORY SO FAR: Miss Minnie willed her brownstone house, its contents, including the four ancient boarders, to Maggie Ryan the cook, and Norah Taylor the maid. The new owners insisted on keeping the penniless guests in spite of hard times. Maggie's beautiful, hard-bolted, torch-singing daughter, Sarah Jane, comes home after losing her job and beating up the hoss. Norah's son Tommy, after being away for five years, has been piano-player in a tough joint and gun-totter for the proprietor, Grasselli. When the place is raided, Grasselli snatches the gun from Tommy, wounds a man, and by threatening Tommy with pinning the blame on him, practically forces Tommy to let him use his mother's boarding house as his hideaway. Sarah Jane suspects the strange roomer, and finds that she has known him. Tommy resents her talking with Grasselli. Sarah Jane lauds Tommy's songs and wins back his old love for her. Grasselli decides to come out of hiding.

CONCLUDING INSTALMENT

EVERYBODY—with the exception of Sarah Jane and Tommy—was in a fever of excitement all day because the mysterious Mr. Grasselli was to leave the seclusion of his bedroom for the first time and take dinner with the family. Little Miss Flint was so fluttery about it that she secretly laid a gardenia outside his door. After the meal, at which Maggie and Norah presided with becoming dignity, all repaired to the drawing room for coffee, which was all Miss Minnie would have desired.

Then, as befitting the occasion, a show was put on. Mr. Salmon, flowing tie, paunch and all, read poetry with gestures. The Great Boldini did his ancient magic, even though Fanta the poodle did all but steal his fire. Gentle Mr. Van Diver, enjoying himself to the limit, vaguely wondered why Miss Minnie didn't step in. Tommy played his songs.

But Sarah Jane was the star of the evening. Dressed in a clinging, low-cut black gown, she sang Tommy's song, "The Gaucho Serenade." Her mellow, throaty voice and the sinuous rhumba with which she accompanied it, did something to Tommy's heart, rekindled his boyhood love for her.

The old house was still echoing to applause, when the door-bell rang. Sarah Jane answered it, to find a notice from the bank to the effect that unless back taxes were paid in full, foreclosure proceedings would be begun, and that the next day was the deadline. Grasselli wondered at her sudden interest in him. He liked it and told her so. "The old girls are dead broke, Chips," she said. "They're going to lose the house if something isn't done! Taxes—due tomorrow."

"Yeah? What's the shake-down?" "One thousand one hundred and eighty-nine dollars and nineteen cents!"

"Cripes, I thought you were talking about real money! Okay, honey, I'll be your sucker!—Oh, but say—don't hurry away! The tax money will only be a postponement of their troubles! Listen! This joint's got to be put on a paying basis! I got an idea downstairs to-night! How about opening a night club? A new kind! Home old fashioned feeling, feel boldini the way he was to-night! You and Tommy doing four or five songs . . ."

"Can you imagine Ma and Mrs. Taylor running a night-spot?"

"They wouldn't run it! I would!"

"If you've got any ideas about you and me, Chips, I don't advise you to let your mind dwell on them, because . . ."

"The come-on," he laughed, "without the promise, huh? You're mar-

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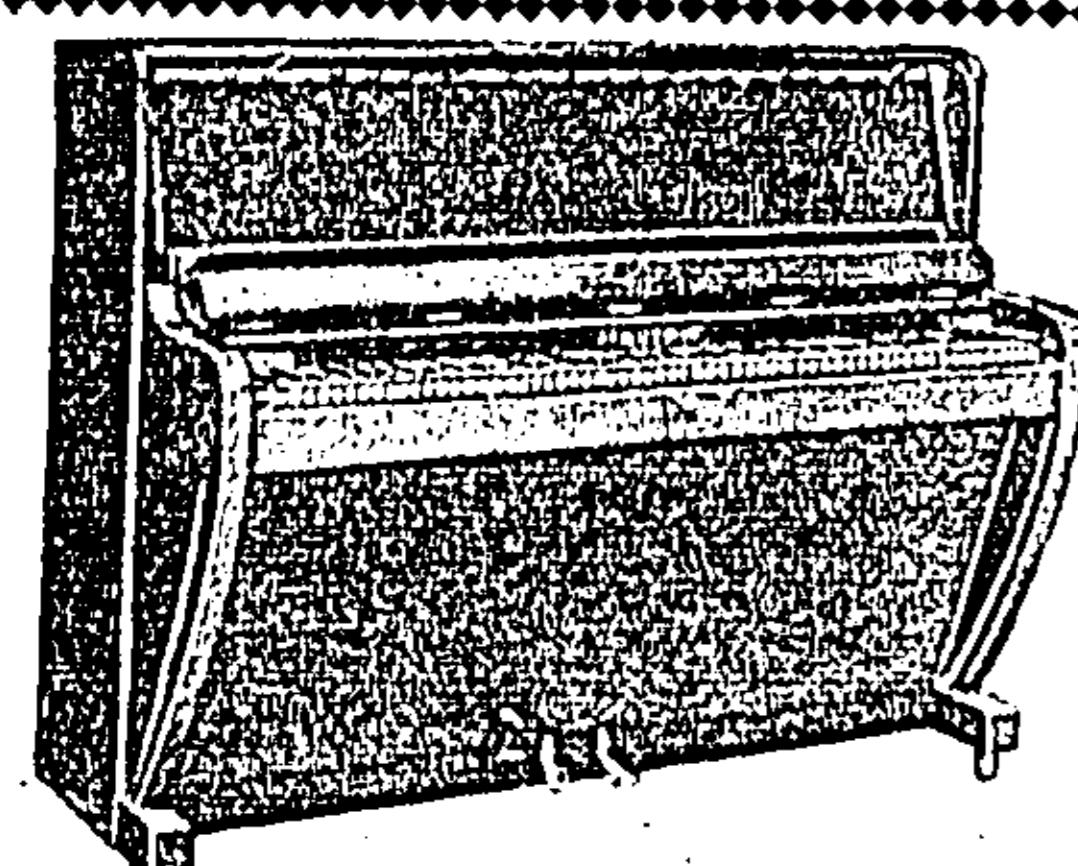
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FIREWOOD FRAUD

"Squeeze" in the Far East, having been tacitly legitimatised by tradition, the gentle art of defrauding people has become a notorious feature of life in Hongkong. The insidious habit of "squeeze" has found expression in all forms of business transactions, from the house "boy" who seeks to make that little extra at the expense of his employer to big commercial firms engaged in important deals; and, so long as it is not pushed too far, "squeeze" is now recognised as a necessary evil to be borne with a grinace.

There are distinctions, however, and cases arise where so-called "squeeze" becomes outright fraud, meriting severe punishment. In this category can be placed the latest "racket" which apparently is being practised by some firewood dealers.

When firewood, one of the essential commodities of the average Chinese in his daily life, recently touched a new local high record in price, Government rightfully decided to do its best to protect the tens of thousands of impoverished Chinese by fixing the price; the order went out, 40 catties per \$1, which in itself was high enough and allowed the retailers a fair margin of profit. But this, apparently did not suit the dealers, and several started casting around for ways and means of getting in that little bit of "squeeze". One method according to reliable information, has been to soak the firewood in water, which naturally has the effect of adding considerable weight to the wood, to the loss of the customer and the rich gain of the dealer. This is fraud and should be treated as such by the authorities. Clearly it is not sufficient to impose fines of \$25 in such cases. The dealer's profit from his fraud for one day alone would more than cover that amount. Punishment to fit the crime—and this is a crime—can be the only way of stamping out such a beastly racket. Either the fine must be so big that it hurts the offender, or he should be sent to prison.

Mercifully, we have no great army to supply on the Continent, neither have we now, as then, to feed and fuel Italy and France.

In spite of these great present advantages, which on no account must we forgo, Lord Woolton has recently confirmed what I asserted, under correction, many weeks ago—that our present danger is greater than it was in

brought to the attention of the police. "Squeeze" can be accepted with a certain amount of tolerance when the victim is a person who can afford to pay that little extra, but it is a different matter when those who can only just manage to eke out an existence are, to use an Americanism, taken for a ride, by grasping merchants, whose profits, even after a completely honest deal, are not negligible.

THE MAGICIAN



Can We Beat The U-Boat Menace?

By Capt. Bernard Aeworth,
D.S.O., R.N.

At these points, to which the U-boats had to come if they were to sight the convoys, they were heavily attacked and destroyed.

Long-ranging aircraft from the French Atlantic airfields now make it probable that the convoys will be sighted far from the land.

When sighted, 180-m.p.h. enemy bombers and torpedo planes, but not slow U-boats, can be called up, and air attacks delivered.

Those directing the convoy system have thus to choose between the risk of almost certain bomber attack and the less certain, but much more deadly, deep-sea U-boat attack.

Choice Of Evils

It is in this choice of evils that judgement may err.

And it takes courage as well as labour on the farms is more urgent than drill for an army of Continental dimensions, which so much of our ship-space is being used to equip.

There you have the Battle of the Atlantic on the Home Front. How are these civil efforts to be crowned with success by the Navy and Air Force?

The problem of the sea is two-fold—tactical and material. I take the tactical problem first, as it is the one that must, and can, be solved quickly, whereas the material one requires time.

The tactical problem is the convoy system, which means the grouping of merchant ships on passage into a compact body and the guarding of such groups by escorting warships.

These should have priority over all other war material.

The practical steps needed to defeat the U-boats can now be summarised as follows:

1. Spartan economy in all seaborne goods.
2. The need of agriculture to have priority over all war material except ships and fighter aircraft.
3. The reformation of the convoy system.
4. The elevation of merchant ship construction to the highest priority and fighter aircraft to the second highest.
5. Concentration of bombing operations not so much on industrial targets and invasion ports, as on U-boat bases.

Failure to defeat the U-boat means the defeat of our cause. Success means its victory.

TO-MORROW:

What Next in the Balkans?

By SIR RONALD STORRS.

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Fuel And Food

My views on this great fuel problem are well known, and I will not labour them, but it is clear that every new ship that burns coal, and every transport vehicle that is changed over to gas, or producer gas, saves ship-space and foreign exchange, and brings unemployed British miners actively into the fight against the U-boats.

If the probable course of approach is known, the enemy can concentrate his U-boats for attack far out at sea, and convoy then becomes a positive danger. (U-boats, remember, can keep the sea for weeks and range for thousands of miles.)

No such restrictions governed the approach of convoys in the last war, and our hunting craft were concentrated at points of convergence near our shores.

PADEREWSKI ON AMERICAN AID

American aid for the Allies was discussed with unusual frankness by M. Paderewski, the pianist and first Prime Minister of modern Poland, in a broadcast made from his hotel in New York. He told Americans that contribution to the war effort meant sacrifice, not deals.

"All of you are under the impression that your present collaboration for the final victory of the democracies is something that deserves general appreciation and praise," he said. "Far from under-estimating the importance of your help to date I have to make some reservations as far as your contributions are concerned."

"First of all the cash and carry rule leaves you very little opportunity. Even the transaction of exchanging 50 destroyers against important strategical naval bases has again to be considered rather as a deal than as a contribution."

"Contribution means sacrifice. Don't you Americans realise that every plane, every load of munitions, which reaches England postpones the prospect of your eventual armed intervention?"

Common Victory

"Across the ocean there are millions of men already fighting and eager to fight for the final victory which is the common victory of civilization and democracy. They need proper arms, they need food, they begin to feel a shortage of the means of transportation and they need financial assistance."

Their defeat would directly endanger this country. Their victory will be your victory too."

M. Paderewski said that there was no truth in report that he had vowed not to play the piano again until Poland was liberated.

Emergency Plans For N. E. I.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BATAVIA, Mar. 10 (UP).—The British Consulate here has issued circulars to English subjects in the Netherlands East Indies, suggesting that they keep a moderate store of canned goods and gasoline and money in their houses in case of emergency.

The British authorities insist that these are only precautionary measures for those Britons who intend to stay here.

According to reliable English circles, the laws at the British Consulate have been torn up by workers constructing large raid shelters.

U.S. Treatment Of Negroes

"Threat to Democracy"

The most striking flaw in American democracy is its treatment of Negroes, Edwin R. Embree, president of the Julius Rosenwald Fund of Chicago, declared recently in an address to the Yale Graduate Sociology Club.

"Our attitude toward this race is a threat to the whole theory and practice of democracy," he declared. "So long as we degrade one segment of the people, we set a pattern of caste and discrimination that may easily be transferred to other groups."

To prove the progress of the Negro, he cited the following statistics: literacy has jumped from five per cent at the time of emancipation to 85 per cent to-day; the death rate has dropped from 32 per 1000 in 1890 to 15 per 1000 to-day; economic status has climbed until 700,000 Negroes now own their own homes and 150,000 own their own farms.

"They are still far from making their full contribution to American culture and prosperity," he said. "We must go much further in equalizing opportunities."

Pressure on Willkie To Change War Stand

The "New York Post" recently reported that "publisher Roy W. Howard, of the New York World-Telegram," was only one of a number of persons who attempted to induce Wendell L. Willkie to change his stand on the war issue and oppose President Roosevelt's aid-to-Britain policy."

The article stated that Verne Marshall, head of the No Foreign War Committee, and William Rhodes Davis, international oil operator, who is said to have gone to America, both "argued with Willkie" to change stand.

Pressure Used

The newspaper further stated that Mr Willkie had told Mr Childs over the telephone that at least 50 persons had argued with him on the war issue before his recent statement in favour of the Lease and Lend Bill.

"Tremendous pressure," the report said, "was brought to bear on him (Willkie) to alter his stand. It was disclosed. Publisher Howard was so insistent that the two men parted after a violent row."



Miss Irene Lau, trained beauty expert of the A.P.S. Cosmetic Shop, is here seen giving a demonstration of three-dimensional make-up, the last word in beauty culture. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS

H.K. Banks \$	1,350 s.
H.K. Banks £	15 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £	17 n.
Chartered £	834 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £	23 1/4 n.
Mercantile, C. £	11 1/4 n.
East Asia \$ x.d.	70 b.

INSURANCES

Cantons \$	215 b.
Union \$	420 b.
China Underwriters \$	1 n.
H.K. Fire \$	170 n.

SHIPPING

Douglas \$	135 n.
Steamboats \$	9 n.
Indo-Chinas P. S.	80 n.
Indo-Chinas D. S.	60 n.
Shell (Bearers) n/-	43/8 n.
Waterboats \$	7 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves \$	.95 n.
Docks (old) \$	17 1/2 n.
Docks (new) \$	17 n.
Providents \$	534 sa.
Shui Duckyards \$	27 n.

MINING

Kallan \$/-	17/1 n.
Rauhs \$	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS

Hotel \$	3.40 s.
Lands \$ x.d.	.32 s.
Lands 4% Debentures	.07 1/2 b.
Shai Lands Sh.	12.30 n.
Humphreys \$	6.70 n.
H.K. Rentites \$	3.20 n.
Chinese Estates \$ x.d.	.08 n.

UTILITIES

Trams \$ x.d.	16 1/4 s.
Peak Trams (old) \$	7 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries \$	54 1/2 n.
Ferry \$	24 1/2 n.
China Lights (old)	.61 1/2 b.
China Lights (new)	1.07 1/2 b.
H.K. Electrics (old) \$	.41 n.
H.K. Electrics (new) \$	.40 10 n.
Macao Electrics (old) \$	1.75 1/2 n.
Macao Electrics (new) \$	.16 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights \$	.12 n.
Telephones (old) \$	.24 b.
Telephones (new) \$	.0 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cold-Mac (Ord.) \$	.30 n.
Cold-Mac (Pref.) \$	.25 n.
Canton Ices \$	1 n.
Cements \$	16.90 ca.
H.K. Repes \$	.82 n.

STOLES, Etc.

Dairy Farms \$	18 1/4 n.
Watsons \$	10.70 sa.
Lane-Croftards \$	7 1/2 n.
Sinceres \$	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$.39 n.
Powell Ltd. \$	1.90 n.

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H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940)	.04 n.
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Constructions (old) \$	1.60 n.
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Vibro Piling \$.70 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	.0/0 n.
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Club Championship

First Round	H. Van Leeuwen v. A. H. Remedio v. A. H. Harris and H. J. Armstrong
Second Round	C. Dunne v. Lt. Shields Goodman; C. S. Lee v. A. Crawford; George Chou v. T. J. Gould; Tsui Wan-pui v. O. Rumjahn; Ho Ka-lau v. K. H. Ip; Capt. R. E. Guest v. Pang Ol-lam; S. T. Chau v. Wei Chung; O. Umetsu v. M. Paghi; W. J. Howard v. H. D. Rumjahn; Fung Yee-pui v. Kenneth Lo; Byes—Paul Kong; Tsui Yun-pui v. C. H. R. Oxlade.
Open Doubles	Byes—M. Paghi and Lt. Shields Goodman; v. Ho Ka-lau and K. H. Ip; B. O'M. Deane and A. T. Dow v. W. J. Howard and A. Kitchell.
First Round	George Chou and A. R. Minu; Kenneth Lo and Fung Yee-pui; T. E. Ling v. H. K. Kwok and T. E. Ling v. Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui; W. C. Hung and E. C. Finner; E. C. Finner and S. T. Chau; C. H. R. Oxlade and Dr. A. H. Barwell v. Tsui Yun-pui and Tsui Wal-pui.
Open	Capt. R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay; Pang Ol-lam and Lee Kam-ming v. B. C. Fay and Lai Kam-ming; T. A. Martin and E. G. Matthies v. G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDowell.

Currie Back In U.S.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 10 (UPI)—Mr. Lauglin Currie, President Roosevelt's emissary to China, arrived here to-day en route to Washington.

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Macao Provides The Better Hockey XI

Superb Defence Carries Day For Portuguese Colony: Hongkong Fail On Heavy Ground

(By "Pilgrim")

IT WAS a thousand pities that rain fell steadily at Macao during the forenoon of last Sunday to mar to some extent the standard of hockey usually seen at the annual interport matches.

In some parts of the field the turf churned up badly, and in others pools of water formed, but on the whole, the pitch did not play too badly. Most of us, however, were glad of the brilliant sunshine at 3 p.m. just prior to the commencement of the game.

There were some changes in the Macao team. R. Rosario was unable to turn out at right back owing to illness; Santos Ferreira took his place, and Trigo Silva was seen at left half. The Hongkong team appeared as published.

It was Macao who took the first goal after a few minutes. A. Alrosa, who was playing well and tackling hard, despatched a pass to F. Nolasco, and the right-winger sent in a shot which Benwell never saw.

The Portuguese forwards set up many attacks and kept the Colony defence actively employed.

Then L. Costa took possession and, during a neat one-handed dribbling bout, he passed Bond and drawing Benwell out of goal scored with a clever shot to give Macao a 2-0 lead.

Though the Hongkong keeper was on the alert, the defence of Bond and Goncalves was at sixes and sevens, and were almost run off their feet.

The deficit, however, spurred Hongkong to greater efforts and for a time they maintained heavy pressure. And during a breakaway, Ozorio ran through to reduce the score which then stood at 2-1 in Macao's favour, and this remained until half-time.

H.K. Attack Improves

AFTER the interval, Hongkong gained a marked ascendancy—but, not for long—and with their inside forwards doing a tremendous amount of work, had they been given better support the local side might have equalised.

Two good scoring opportunities in the first ten minutes by Ozorio and Brown went begging.

A. Alrosa was playing a great distributive game at centre-half, and his passes set his forwards on the move on several occasions. He was the outstanding figure on the field.

L. Costa, left inner, was also an artist with his stickwork, and was always heading for the circle when he had the chance. It was only Bond's timely tackling and clearances that kept him in check.

WORLD INDOOR ATHLETIC RECORDS

New York, Mar. 9. At the 22nd annual Knights of Columbus Championships meet at the Madison Square Garden to-day, Earle Meadows smashed the world's indoor pole vault record with 14 feet 7 1/2 inches.

Al Blodis heaved the 16 lb. shot 51 feet 2 1/2 inches and John Borlan Ashby Park won the Casey 600-yard invitation in 1 minute 10.2 seconds. Both were world records.—Domeit.

Ranji Trophy

MADRAS, Mar. 10 (Reuters).—Maharashtra won the Ranji Trophy for the second year in succession, beating Madras by six wickets.

Former Kent Captain Killed

Lieut G. B. Legge

LONDON, Feb. 8. (Reuter)—The death while flying has been announced of Lieut. Geoffrey Bavington Legge, R.N.V.R., Fleet Air Arm, the former Kent County Cricket Club captain. He was 37. One of the many splendid cricketers produced by Malvern, Legge received his blue at Oxford in 1925 and in the following summer he captained the University team. In both seasons he headed the batting averages.

Kent Captain

IN 1928 Legge took over the captaincy of Kent and, thanks largely to his management of the side in the field, Kent finished second to Lancashire in the County Championship. He led the county for another two years before business claims compelled him to resign the position. He took part in little more first-class cricket.

Like most Malvern batsmen, Legge showed special strength in driving and cutting and possessed an excellent style. He was a sure fieldsman, particularly in the slips.

University Athletic Heats Held Yesterday

HEATS for the annual inter-Hostel sports were held by the University at Pukulam yesterday. These were in the 100 yards, the 220 yards and the long jump. Rice Hall and Elliot Hall eliminated St John's Hall, Morrison Hall respectively in the tug-of-war.

Results were:

Further heats of the University Sports events to be held on Saturday were run off yesterday at Pukulam. The results were as follows:

100 Yards—Heat 1—V. Zaltzoff (Lugard), 2. S. H. Leung (Morrison) 100 yards. Heat 2—V. Zaltzoff (Lugard), 2. S. H. Leung (Morrison) 100 yards. Heat 3—T. V. Chin (Elliot); Time, 10.4 sec. Heat 4—T. V. Chin (Elliot); Time, 10.4 sec. Heat 5—T. V. Chin (Elliot); Time, 10.4 sec. Heat 6—T. V. Chin (Elliot); Time, 10.4 sec. Heat 7—T. V. Chin (Elliot); Time, 10.4 sec. Heat 8—T. V. Chin (Elliot); Time, 10.4 sec. Heat 9—T. V. Chin (Elliot); Time, 10.4 sec. Heat 10—T. V. Chin (Elliot); Time, 10.4 sec.

220 Yards—Heat 1—S. H. Leung (Ricci), 2. J. Fenton (Morrison); Time, 25.2 sec. Heat 2—W. S. Geff (Lugard), 2. E. Matuzi (Elliot); Time, 25.2 sec. Heat 3—E. Matuzi (Elliot); Time, 25.2 sec. Heat 4—K. M. Au (Morrison), 2. Wong Kok-see (Elliot); Time, 25.2 sec. Heat 5—K. M. Au (Morrison); Time, 25.2 sec. Heat 6—K. M. Au (Morrison); Time, 25.2 sec. Heat 7—K. M. Au (Morrison); Time, 25.2 sec. Heat 8—K. M. Au (Morrison); Time, 25.2 sec. Heat 9—K. M. Au (Morrison); Time, 25.2 sec. Heat 10—K. M. Au (Morrison); Time, 25.2 sec.

Long Jump—Heat 1—K. M. Au (Morrison); Time, 10 feet 0 1/4 inch. Heat 2—K. M. Au (Morrison); Time, 10 feet 0 1/4 inch. Heat 3—S. Mahmood (Lugard); 10 ft 0 1/4 inch. Heat 4—K. Fenton (Morrison); 10 ft 0 1/4 inch. Heat 5—K. Fenton (Morrison); 10 ft 0 1/4 inch. Heat 6—K. Fenton (Morrison); 10 ft 0 1/4 inch. Heat 7—K. Fenton (Morrison); 10 ft 0 1/4 inch. Heat 8—K. Fenton (Morrison); 10 ft 0 1/4 inch. Heat 9—K. Fenton (Morrison); 10 ft 0 1/4 inch. Heat 10—K. Fenton (Morrison); 10 ft 0 1/4 inch.

Rice beat St John's; Elliot beat Morrison.

C.S.C.C. Eleven

The following will represent Civil Service in a first division league cricket match against Indians on Saturday. E. Richardson (captain), K. J. Attwood, T. V. N. Fortescue, H. H. Griffiths, D. C. K. Hawkins, D. McLellan, A. E. Perry, N. Whitley, A. M. J. Wright.

Hockey

Club XI To Meet British Army

The following will present Hongkong Hockey Club against the British Army in a Quadrangular Tournament at King's Park at 4.45 p.m. to-day: V. M. Bewell; V. C. Bond, A. E. P. Guest; R. Marques, W. A. Reed, A. B. Whitley; D. T. Smith, T. B. D. Whitley, E. Fowler, H. L. Ozorio and J. M. Morgan.

Hongkong F. C. Dinner

The annual dinner of the Hongkong Football Club will be held in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel at 7.30 p.m. on March 29.

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U.S. LAWN TENNIS RANKINGS

McNeill Tops Men's Ladder

DONALD MCNEILL of Oklahoma City climbed to the top and Miss Alice Marble of California remained there, albeit for the last time, in the national tennis singles rankings announced by the U.S.L.T.A.

For Miss Marble, her accustomed place as No. 1 woman player comes as a farewell gesture from amateur tennis, because fair-haired Alice is now sharpening her weapons for the professional wars after four victories in the national tournament.

Donald McNeill and Frank A. Parker, Gardner Mulloy and Henry J. Frusoff, Robert Harman and Charles Mattmann, Russell Robbitt and Frank D. Guernsey, Jr., Robert L. Riggs and S. Welby Van Horn, Wilmer Allison and John Van Hyne, Edward Amark and Francis L. Kovacs 2d., Kenneth Bartelt and William Ready, Lawrence Dee and James Wade, Not ranked because of insufficient data—Elwood T. Cooke and Robert L. Riggs, Robert Hartman and Robert C. Peacock, Joseph R. Hunt and Charles E. Olewine.

There was considerable shuffling of positions from a year ago among the first ten in both the men's and women's divisions, more so in the men's than in the women's.

For the 22-year-old men's champion the No. 1 spot is a promotion, for he had to hurdle Bobby Riggs of Chicago and Frank Parker of California to rise from third place.

There was no change at all as far as the first two places in women's singles are concerned, for Miss Helen Jacobs again is just a step behind Miss Marble.

These two met in the final in the nationals and Miss Marble won easily, just as she had in her earlier tests.

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NANCY



GAYDA SQUIRMS AND WARNS

Declares Lend and Lease Bill Will Force Japan to Act

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, Mar. 10 (UP).—Gayda, in an editorial in the "Giornale d'Italia," declares that the Senate's approval of the Lend and Lease Bill is equivalent to direct American intervention in the war and may force Japan to intervene in the conflict on the side of the Axis in line with her Tripartite Pact agreement.

He continues, "The Lend and Lease Bill can but prolong the conflict as the Axis counter-blockade of the Atlantic will not permit American aid to reach the besieged islands.

"President Roosevelt's new move—equivalent to open intervention against the Axis—will finally bring about the application of the Tripartite terms, creating unpleasant surprises in an invasion of the western hemisphere."

"President Roosevelt's decision is a deliberate, unprovoked move towards war which will bring about European retaliation against America."

Violation Plaintiff

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—"An integral coming into play of the Tripartite Pact" is predicted in Rome as the result of the passing of the Lend and Lease Bill, which is described in the Italian press as a "colossal mystification" and "a flagrant violation of the Hague Convention."

The "Giornale d'Italia" remarks that it appears less than likely that war material shipped from America will arrive in Europe in view of the intensification of the Axis counter-blockade.

Japan Thwarted

CHUNGKING, Mar. 10 (UP).—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, speaking at the closing of the People's Political Council to-day, said that the establishment of United States naval and air bases in the Pacific had greatly obstructed the Japanese plan for a "new order" in East Asia.

China and America, he declared, have the same Democratic ideals and are both striving to uphold the Nine Power Treaty.

He asserted that he was confident of final victory in view of the fact that the Chinese army at present possesses double the equipment which it had at the start of hostilities.

The Generalissimo urged resistance against Japanese economic penetration and pointed out that a military victory depends on an economic victory. He also urged national unity for the sake of victory.

DEFENCE COMMITTEE IN INDIA

NEW DELHI, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Great satisfaction at the appointment of Lieutenant-General Claude Auchinleck as Commander-in-Chief today in a debate on the question of the appointment of a Defence Committee.

A Government spokesman said that General Auchinleck was firmly of the opinion that the possibilities of his receiving the views and advice of representatives of the public on the one hand and his giving them useful information on the other required regularization. General Auchinleck hoped that arrangements will be worked out whereby this can be given effect.

If members would like to go and see the Indian troops on active service, the Defence Secretary would make arrangements for them.

Frontier Loyalty

PESHAWAR, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—A gathering of 800 Afghans and other tribes presented £75 to the Governor of the North-West Frontier Province and expressed their loyalty to the Government.

They also expressed a desire to join the army and fight Hitler.

STOCK EXCHANGE GILT-EDGED HOLDINGS MAIN FEATURE

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, interest was mainly centred on gilt-edged holdings in which further rises were registered although a little profit-taking fractionally reduced early gains.

India stocks made further headway on good buying. Elsewhere business was confined to small limits.

Among the foreign bonds, Czech and Austrian loans were slightly higher.

Wall Street was dull.

BOMBER FUND RAFFLE DEPOT



The Monster raffle organised by the Hongkong War Effort Committee and the South China Morning Post, Ltd., in aid of the Bomber Fund is receiving every support from the public. Innumerable handsome prizes are offered, the first prize being a new Sunbeam-Talbot sports car donated by Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd. Photo shows the main depot for sale of tickets at the Star Ferry wharf. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

Wonderful Year For Hongkong Dock Co.

A remarkably successful year has been enjoyed by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., according to a statement issued for publication to-day.

The profit and loss account on December 31, 1940 showed a total working profit of \$1,474,896.30, which the Directors of the Company propose to allocate as follows:

KNOX SEES GRIM DAYS AHEAD

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 10 (UP).—The Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, said to-day that the whole world is closer to a frightful form of war than it was 90 days ago.

He declared that the situation is "very, very critical." He conceded that Britain "has been stopped," but added emphatically, "They have not yet been conquered."

If members would like to go and see the Indian troops on active service, the Defence Secretary would make arrangements for them.

Passengers Aboard Kashima Maru

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

YOKOHAMA, Mar. 10 (Dowell).—Two American-born Japanese sailed from here for Australia at noon to-day to assist Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, first Japanese Minister to Australia. They are Hidemichi Tokimasa, a graduate of Hawaii University, and Miss Tomae Tatsusawa, graduate of Saint Maria's High School in California.

Many American and English passengers were also aboard the Kashima Maru which is scheduled to call at Kobe, Hongkong, Manila, Sydney, and Melbourne.

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Place to Reserve	750,000.00	
Pay a Bonus to Staff and carry forward to next year—account	70,000.00	
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Rendel Leaving Bulgaria

British Interests In U.S. Envoy's Hands

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SOFIA, Mar. 10 (UP).—The British Minister, Mr. William Rendel, is scheduled to leave tonight at 10.40 in a special train, with 50 members of the British colony.

The American Minister, Mr. George Earle, will officially take over the British interests at 5.30 p.m.

A small plaque signed by Mr. Earle has been placed on the British property stating that it was under United States protection.

Other Ministers Leave

ISTANBUL, Mar. 10 (UP).—The Polish, Belgian, Dutch and Norwegian Ministers from Sofia with their Consuls and staffs will arrive at 5 p.m. Mr. William Rendel, the British Minister is expected to arrive tomorrow evening by special train.

Colonel Knox Urges U.S. to Build Two Ocean-Navy

PUN KWOK-WAH alias PUN WAH, 31, an odd job farmer, was remanded until 2.30 p.m. on March 18 by Mr. S. F. Balfour at the District Office, South, this morning, on a charge of robbery by two or more.

Defendant, with others not in custody, is alleged to have robbed Wong Wan-chung of \$400, a gold chain, four gold coins, a gold finger ring, three fountain pens, three electric torches, two pieces of Jade and a Jade bangle at Ngong Peng, Lantau Island, on July 28.

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British Seize Another French Ship

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seize our cargo ships, it would be necessary, in order to put an end to this, to have our ships escorted by warships."

Protest To S. Africa

The French Government is understood to have protested to the South African Government against the alleged stopping south of Cape Town, of the French cargo ship the Ville de Majunga by a British cruiser, reports the official French news agency tonight.

The protest is stated to say that such actions from the theatre of operations are unjustified and can have no effect on the result of the war.

The French ship was on her way from Durban to Madagascar. She is stated to be fourteenth ship seized by the British Navy since the beginning of the year and the 100th since the Armistice.

U.S. Steamer Arrives

VICENZA, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The arrival at Marseilles of the United States steamer Cold Harbour, carrying a cargo of food and other necessities for French children and invalids, was announced today by Admiral William Leahy, the United States Ambassador.

He added that the steamer Exmouth was expected in three weeks with a similar cargo.

U.S. Intercession

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—It is recorded here as likely that the United States will intercede in the blockade dispute between Britain and the Vichy Government, which is evidently viewed gravely here.

How far the United States Government is prepared to go in seeking concessions from the British is a matter for conjecture.

President Roosevelt himself, it will be recalled, was responsible for obtaining Britain's consent to despatch milk, clothing and medicines to Unoccupied France.

Britain Explains

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—A spokesman of the Ministry of Economic Warfare said, "We in this country continue to hope that France will show understanding of our blockade policy. If there were any means of helping unoccupied France without helping Germany, the British Government would be prepared to consider them but so far no such proposals have been put forward. It must be remembered that the French Government has accepted the principle of economic collaboration with Germany."

Admiral Durlam may be responsible for feeding 40,000,000 people in France. Britain, however, is fighting to free not only 40,000,000 in France but many times that number of enslaved people in Europe. The Germans may have released 2,000,000 quintals of wheat for France but this scarcely reflects on their generosity since they are only returning a fraction of the wheat they have looted from France in the last ten months.

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Y'S MEN'S MEETING

Professor Brownell, Professor of History at Lingnan University, will speak on "What Germany Forgot" at the fifth meeting of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club at St Francis Hotel on Thursday.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says:

The market gives an impression of neglect. But there are quite a few enquiries which disclose a dearth of available scrip.

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LATE NEWS

BOOKINGS FOR THE PLAYS ARE NOW OPEN AT THE KING'S THEATRE.—Contributed.

Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. Manila	45 1/4
T.T. Batavia	149 1/4
T.T. Bangkok	104 1/2
T.T. Saigon	102 1/4
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U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/4

IN AID OF RELIEF Plays To Be Given At University

The Arts Association of Hongkong University will present two plays in the University Great Hall on Saturday, March 22, under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor Lieutenant-General E. F. Norton.

The two plays are Bernard Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion" and a Chinese play in English entitled "The Horse-dealer's Story."

A special performance for schools will be given on Friday, March 21, at 7 p.m. The proceeds from both performances will be given to the Chinese Medical Relief Fund.

"The Horse-dealer's Story" tells of a horse-dealer, who, on returning from a business trip to Szechuan, finds both his children missing. His wife, who is not the mother of the children, and who has sold them into slavery, tells him that they had died of fever. Unconvinced, the horse-dealer so tortures a servant-girl that she commits suicide, whereupon the wife, who has a secret lover, bribes the magistrate to convict her husband on a charge of criminal assault.

The horse-dealer languishes in prison for many years until a new magistrate is appointed.

At this point the play begins. In accordance with convention of coincidence so common in Chinese plays, the horse-dealer's daughter has become the wife of the new magistrate and his son is the Judge on Circuit.

The evil are punished, the good rewarded, and all live happily ever after.

Early Christian Basis

"Androcles and the Lion" is based on the well-known story of an early Christian, Androcles, having his kindness to a wounded lion rewarded by being joyfully recognised by the same lion in the Roman arena. On this slender basis, Shaw has constructed an excellent two-act drama dealing with war and Christianity. Ferrovia, the warrior converted to the Gospel of non-resistance, is the main figure of interest. Throughout the play, he is torn between his newfound allegiance to Jesus and his instinctive love for Mars. In the end he abandons Christianity.

"The Christian God is not yet. He will come when Mars and I are dust; but meanwhile I must serve the gods that are, not the God that will be."

There are those who will disagree with such an outlook. But Shaw writes not to enlist disciples but to provoke thought. And, however much one may find oneself in conflict with Shaw, there is never any denying his irrepressible humour and his fine sense of the theatre. These qualities are very much in evidence in "Androcles and the Lion."

The two plays represent two different schools of drama. The former belongs to the modern, Western, realistic mode, while the other is in the conventional tradition of the Chinese theatre. Seeing both dramatic forms on the same evening ought to supply data for some interesting conclusions.

Bookings for the plays are now open at the King's Theatre.—Contributed.

FIRST AID LESSONS

A course of instruction in "First Aid to the Injured" will be given by Dr. J. Dovey in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post, Ltd., Wyndham Street (by courtesy of the Management) as under:

Commencing Tuesday, March 18, Lectures. Commencing Friday, March 21, Practical.

The above course is open to the general public, and is specially recommended to anyone desiring to join the St John Ambulance Brigade as a regular member or as a member of the A.R.P. Auxiliary Reserve of the Brigade.

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The body will be laid to rest in the Royal Vault at the Escorial in the next few days.

COMMUNISTS Dies Wants Action From President

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (UP).—Representative Martin Dies today urged President Roosevelt to take the initiative in a nation wide drive to eliminate Communists and Nazis from Government service and Union leadership. Dies declared if he failed to get action he would introduce legislation for that purpose.

Mr Dies said that his proposed action is necessary to "have the national defence programme from sabotage and avoid the mistake which led to the downfall of France and other Democracies."

Meanwhile, the House Judiciary Committee started hearings on proposed legislation to deal with the strike situation in the defence industry and heard Mr William Bullitt, the ex-Ambassador to France, testify that there was a striking analogy between the present attitude of the United States and the attitude that destroyed France. He testified that "France had wonderful war production programme arranged for 1942—but France was destroyed in 1940."

R.A.F. FIGHTERS CROSS CHANNEL

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—

Three offensive sweeps were made by aircraft of the Fighter Command over the English Channel and occupied France this afternoon, says an Air Ministry communiqué. Considerable anti-aircraft fire was encountered and one British fighter is missing.

There was no opposition by enemy aircraft, the communiqué adds.

There was no air raid alert to-night, but no air raid incidents were reported. Enemy activity during the daytime has been mainly over the Channel and south-eastern England. There was little damage and no casualties reported.

Theft From Matshed

Wong Fuk, 22, unemployed, was ordered to be expelled from Hongkong by Mr S. F. Dafour at the District Office, South, this morning for breaking into and entering a bathing shed at the 10½ mile beach and stealing four rattan chairs, a rattan table and two deck chair frames.

Tsang Choi, 38, caretaker, was cited as the complainant.

It was said that yesterday the defendant was seen carrying the articles mentioned in the charge and it was subsequently discovered by the Police that it had been stolen. Defendant has been in Hongkong for a year and was formerly a vegetable gardener.

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IMMIGRATION OFFICE STRONGLY CRITICISED: PUBLIC INQUIRY OPENS

STRONG CRITICISM OF THE MANNER IN WHICH THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE ACCOUNTS WERE KEPT WAS VOICED BY MR E. W. PUDNEY, ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL WHEN THE PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WAS OPENED AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. MR PUDNEY SAID THAT THE ACCOUNTS WERE IN A "CHAOTIC STATE".

BRITISH NAVY'S GRIM BATTLE

To Defeat Nazi Blockade

(By "Reuter's" Naval Correspondent)

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The opening phases of the battle for Britain in 1941 are being fought out far from the sight of land, in and above the troubled wastes of the Atlantic Ocean.

It is relentless, ceaseless and silent warfare of which little will ever be heard save for an occasional trickle of news of some heroic exploit. But the progress of the battle will be marked in the periodic figures of British and Allied shipping losses, and in the tally of the damage inflicted on enemy raiders both on the sea and in the air.

With the improvement of the weather as the spring "campaigning season" opens it is becoming clear that immediate German strategy in the west is an endeavour to implement the threat made by Hitler in his last speech of intensified naval warfare on an unprecedented scale.

The Germans are determined to do their utmost to cut the ocean lifeline along which food and supplies reach Britain, and with the American Lend and Lease Bill on the threshold of becoming law they will concentrate, too, on the impending flow of vital American war materials to Britain.

The German advance last year with its ensuing occupation of 2,000 miles of European coastline presented a new problem which the British Navy and Air Force are tackling with greater determination.

Convoys New Supplies

When President Roosevelt signs the Lend and Lease Bill which will bring supplies to Britain, the Navy's task will be further increased as they must then find further convoys to ensure the safe arrival of these supplies.

The main battle area lies north-westwards from Britain and eastwards from Iceland, and here the naval vessels are fitted with the newest devices for detecting submarines and are waging a day and night warfare with the fullest co-operation of the R.A.F.

The number of submarines the Germans will use is estimated at between 100 and 150, but not all could be at sea simultaneously.

No single factor which can help in the defeat of enemy plans is being neglected. The best scientific brains are working on improved means of U-boat detection, protection against aircraft, etc., while the question of providing more convoys is receiving more attention.

Alumni of the Lingnan University in Hongkong have decided to give a dinner party in honour of Mr B. S. Fong, leading Chinese from San Francisco, when he returns here from Chongqing towards the end of this month. Mr Fong is an alumnus of the University.

U.S. Expeditionary Force Plan Revealed

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (UP).—The Navy Department is planning to build a \$400,000 base for a large number of expeditionary landing boats in connection with expeditionary force operations bill which included \$35,000,000 for a naval base at Puerto Rico. President Roosevelt has asked Congress to approve another emergency naval appropriation totalling \$300,000,000.

The foregoing disclosure was contained in a report by Senator David Walsh, Chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee which was submitted in connection with the naval authorization bill.

Defence Appropriations

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (UP).—Simultaneously with the enactment by the Senate of the \$1,033,000,000 fourth supplemental defence appro-

He also criticised the type of people who had been employed by the Immigration Officer, making special reference to the appointment of Mr E. A. von Kobza-Nagy as general agent, which he said was Contrary to Colonial Regulations, because Mr Kobza-Nagy was totally unsecured although he handled Government monies and issued receipts.

After Mr Pudney had concluded his evidence, which is given in full in a later part of this report, he was closely cross-examined by Mr R. A. D. Forrest, the Immigration Officer.

The proceedings are continuing this afternoon.

The Chief Justice His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor presided, the other members of the Commission being Mr C. Bernard Brown, Mr D. Drummond, Mr H. K. Woo, with Mr K. M. A. Barnett as Secretary.

Terms of Reference

Mr Barnett read the proclamation appointing the Commissioners, which

included their terms of reference as follows:

To enquire into and report on the manner in which the Immigration Department has been administered since its inception;

The manner in which its staff has been assembled and the suitability of those appointed or recruited;

The adequacy or otherwise of the financial system instituted in it;

The agency system instituted by it;

The treatment accorded to, and the facilities afforded to, the public (whether as individuals or institutions) with which the department and its personnel have been brought into contact;

To receive oral and written evidence upon the foregoing matters.

To ascertain and report on whether there has been any avoidable lack of efficiency, judgment or tact in relation to the matters comprised in the first paragraph.

To make such relevant recommendations as may command themselves to the Commissioners.

Mr Pudney's Evidence

Giving evidence, Mr E. W. Pudney said:

I am Accountant General of the Hongkong Government.

The proper control of immigration into the Colony is dependent on the issue to approved persons, and approved persons only, of the necessary permit. It is therefore essential to see that permits do not fall into unauthorised hands. This can only be done by a proper system of records, controlling the receipt of blank forms, their issue for completion, and their final handing over to the approved applicant in return for the prescribed fee. This is quite simple accounting but it is essential to the proper functioning of immigration control.

In spite of this, however, no effort was made to consult me, as chief Accounting Officer to the Government, when the organisation of the Immigration Office was under discussion.

Inasmuch as Herr Van Kleefens is coming directly from London, the talk here may clarify the entire picture of what the Democracies may expect from each other if the Japanese should strike simultaneously with Hitler's spring offensive.

It is understood that the first assistance will be to offer Army and Navy supplies which can be spared, including some aeroplanes and ships.

Emergency Plans

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BATAVIA, Mar. 10 (UP).—The British Consulate here has issued circulars to English subjects in the Netherlands East Indies, suggesting that they keep a moderate store of canned goods and gasoline and money in their houses in case of emergency.

The British authorities insist that these are only precautionary measures for those Britons who intend to stay here.

According to reliable English circles, the law at the British Consulate has been torn up by workers constructing large raid shelters.

Cripps' Friendly Moscow Talk

LONDON, Mar. 10 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that immediately after he returned from Turkey, Sir Stafford Cripps, the British Ambassador, met M. Vishinsky and discussed events in the Balkans and the Near East. It is stated that the conversation was exceptionally friendly.

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Downed Plane Hits Houses

When a German plane was brought down recently over Bromley, Kent, it crashed into two houses and demolished them. The people in the houses were saved by R.A.F. workers. The German pilot was found dead. This picture shows part of the wrecked plane amid the ruins of the two houses.



Singapore Evacuation Indicated

Residents Urged To Leave Areas

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH", SINGAPORE, Mar. 10 (Domestic).—The British authorities in Singapore have notified residents in the east and west coastal regions, covering a 200 square-mile area of Singapore to prepare to evacuate, as it is expected that fighting will take place in those areas in the event of Singapore being attacked.

The notification stresses the precautionary nature of the action, but it is added that it might be impossible to give more than 48 hours' warning in the event of hostilities, and therefore, as far as possible, residents should prepare themselves for evacuation now.

Mock Air Attack

Meanwhile, civilians throughout Malaya are being given a taste of war time conditions, the comprehensive defence measures which began on March 6 entering its second phase to-day in which land, sea and air forces, as well as all civilian units are meeting in a simulated attack on the peninsula.

All air raid precaution posts are being manned as Singapore withstands two mock bombing raids and prepares to enforce a complete blackout.

CHURCHES BOMBED IN U. K.

LONDON, Mar. 10 (British Wireless).—Virtually 2,000 churches in London and the provinces have been destroyed or damaged by German bombers on their quest for "military" objectives.

The actual number as given by the Vatican radio is 1,096 and comprises:

Destroyed in London.—14 Roman Catholic, 120 Anglican, and 125 Free Church.

Damaged in London.—13 Roman Catholic, 250 Anglican, and 350 Free Church.

Destroyed or heavily damaged in the Provinces.—20 Roman Catholic, 100 Anglican and 150 Free Church.

Churches more lightly damaged.—30 Roman Catholic, 300 Anglican and 54 Free Church.

In addition, 45 Roman Catholic monasteries and convents were destroyed.

Millionaire Duke's Estate

LONDON, Mar. 10 (British Wireless).—Further grants of probate in respect of settled lands of a total value of £3,555,000 have been issued in the estate of the Ninth Duke of Northumberland.

The Duke, who was 27, was a lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards and died on active service last May.

Sailor's Brave Act Costs Him £3 Fine

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Mar. 10 (UP).—Leading-Signalman John Pullen (43), to-day picked up a 100-pound time-bomb and carried it to some nearby derelict land. It cost him a fine of £3 in the police court.

Pullen was charged with "removing and tampering with a bomb dropped from an enemy aircraft."

He said that he picked up the bomb and removed it because he had relatives nearby.

The sailor carried the bomb in true ceremonial style. He had a man precede him to warn people that he was coming. A policeman followed at a safe distance and arrested Pullen immediately after he had disposed of the bomb.

It is recalled that last November a Bow Street magistrate fined Mr F. Leighton-Moore £100 for removing a time-bomb from a house in the West End. The Home Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison later reduced the fine to £5.

LONDON, Mar. 10 (British Wireless).—Mr J. H. Kelly, Canadian High Commissioner in Dublin, died to-day. He was born at St Godfrey, Bonaventure County, Quebec Province, in 1897, and was of Irish descent.

The Threat of Strike to Hold Up U.S. Defence Projects

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Mar. 10 (UP).—Labour disputes to-day threatened more than \$2,000,000,000 worth of defence contracts which have been placed with the United States Steel Corporation and the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, America's largest producers.

The Congress of Industrial Organisation steel worker's organising committee notified the Corporation officials that they would call for a walk-out of 9,000 workers at Bethlehem's Lakawanna plant "unless President Roosevelt intervenes immediately."

The Union charged that the Corporation refused to negotiate their grievances in the same way as the Office of Production and Management settled the 27-hour strike two weeks ago.

The Bethlehem Corporation holds \$1,000,000,000 worth of defence orders.

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PEOPLE'S COUNCIL MANIFESTO

CHUNGKING, Mar. 11 (Central News).—"China has already won a spiritual victory," declared a manifesto issued by the 2nd People's Political Council prior to its adjournment yesterday.

Expressing confidence in the Government's sincerity in its pledge to introduce Constitutional Government and declaring that the old idea of Parties and cliques must be discarded and for the new idea of a fighting nation, the manifesto urged the Chinese Communist Party to abide by its declaration in September, 1937, and support national unity and be loyal to the State consistently.

The war of resistance for nearly four years had testified to the fact that a unified command was a basic factor for victory. It was therefore hoped that the Government would strictly enforce military discipline.

The manifesto said that mismanagement was the principal cause for the present food shortage and rise of commodity prices and expressed the hope that the Government would efficiently exercise economical control, adopt effective measures to readjust the currency situation, improve transportation facilities, regulate distribution and marketing, promote national economy and increase agricultural and industrial production.

Diplomatically, the manifesto expressed appreciation of the concern and sympathy shown by Great Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union regarding China's war, pledged support to the Government's policy to seek closer co-operation with the friendly Powers and hoped that the Government would make it unmistakably clear that any country supporting Japan's policy of conquering China and recognising the Wang Ching-wei regime would be considered as China's enemy.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

A Notice to Mariners issued by the Harbour Department states that the Carpenter Light Vessel in the approach to Torres Strait, on the north coast of Australia, will be withdrawn from its station on or about to-day. Notice will be given when it is re-placed on its station.

The position is given as Lat. 10 degrees 40' 00" S., long. 140 degrees 55' 00" E. (Approx.).

Sir William Seager

CARDIFF, Mar. 10 (UP).—The former President of the United Kingdom Chamber of Shipping, Sir William Seager, 70, died here to-day.

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The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,
Manager,
Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Monday, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

E. COCK
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 10th March, 1941.

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Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager,
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NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March, 1941:

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Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April, 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September, 1941, and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July, 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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Manager.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:-

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hongkong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

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Hongkong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:-

Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April, 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September, 1941, and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July, 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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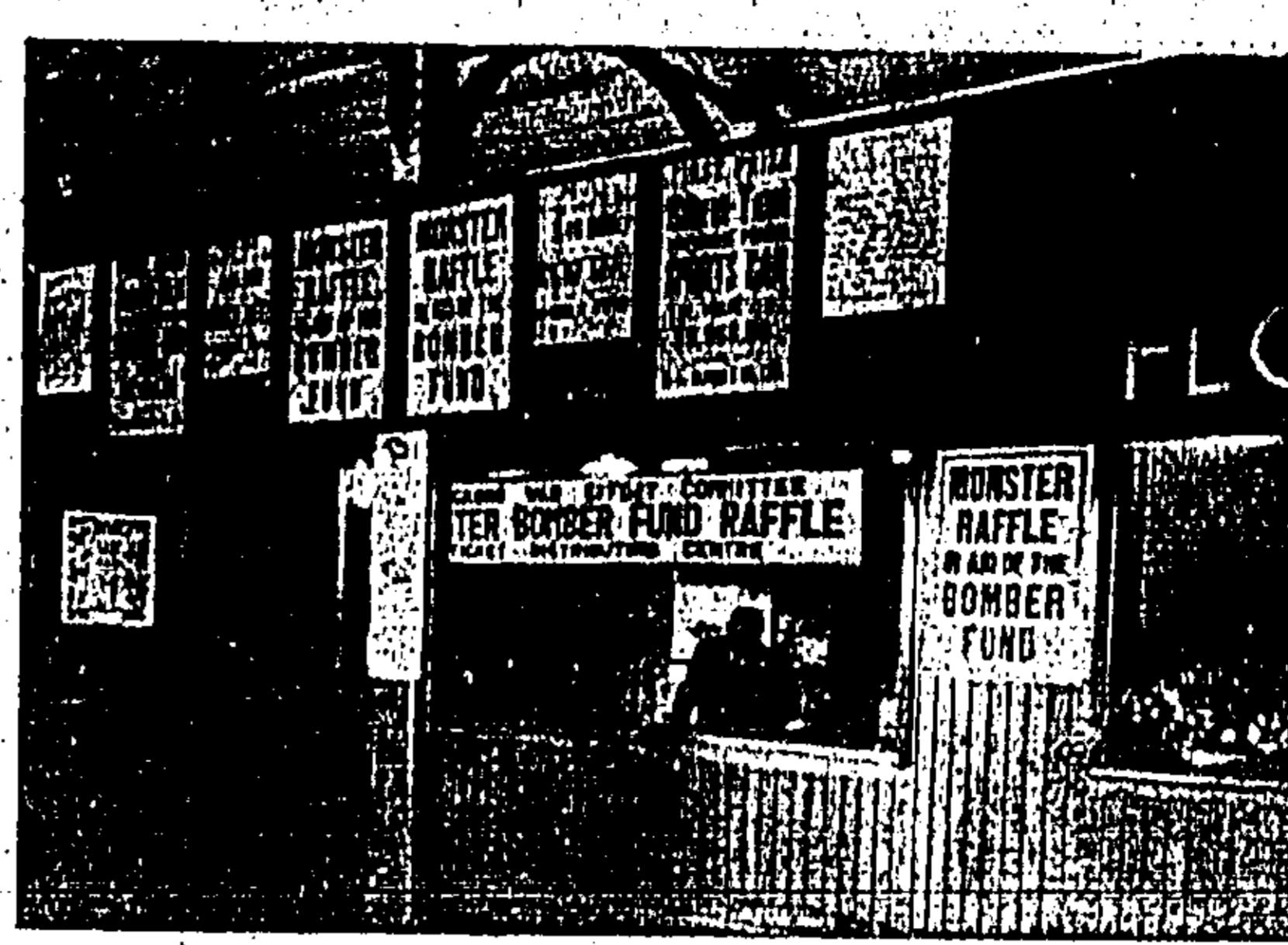
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R. TAYLOR,
Manager and Secretary.

BOMBER FUND RAFFLE DEPOT



The Bomber raffle organised by the Hongkong War Effort Committee and the South China Morning Post, Ltd., in aid of the Bomber Fund is receiving every support from the public. Innumerable handsome prizes are offered, the first prize being a new Sunbeam-Talbot sports car donated by Messrs. Gilman and Co., Ltd. Photo shows the main depot for sale of tickets at the Star Ferry wharf. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

Mid-East Aerial Activity

CAIRO, Mar. 10 (Reuters).—Tripoli Harbour was again attacked during Saturday night and bombs were dropped on Italian aerodromes in Tripolitania, states to-day's R.A.F. communiqué.

In Abyssinia, R.A.F. bombers attacked the aerodromes of Diredawa despite an attempted interception by Italian fighters.

A direct hit was also obtained on a train approaching the town and another on the station at Adda Galla.

In the Keren area, Eritrea, troop positions were bombed and machine-gunned while other bombers were harassing an Italian column retreating from Burye and bombed a village near Debra Maka.

R.A.F. Expanding
(By "REUTER'S" AIR CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Mar. 10.—The R.A.F. continues to grow more powerful in the Middle East and in the Balkans and is in a position to give a good account of itself should the Luftwaffe extend its field of activity independently or as a curtain for the German Army.

The initiative should not even rest with the German air force. Soon the weather will undergo a marked change for the better in south-east Europe and for the worse in Africa, making more extensive operations possible in the former and very difficult in Africa.

Mediterranean Luftwaffe

Hilter is estimated to have assembled about 1,000 planes for operations on both sides of the Mediterranean.

From Rumania, the Luftwaffe has spread to Bulgaria and is establishing bases near the Greek frontier and, significantly enough, near the Black Sea, across which Germany has received oil supplies from Russia. Its other main bases are in Italy and Sicily. There are not yet many German aircraft in Libya and the Dodecanese.

Troops Advance

NAIROBI, Mar. 10 (Reuters).—The British advance into Abyssinia continues.

Announcing this, a British communiqué states that British troops have occupied Gabre Darre, an important road junction 140 miles inside the Abyssinian frontier, and that operations are proceeding according to plan.

Sun Yat-Sen Anniversary

The 18th anniversary of the death of Dr Sun Yat-sen, Father of the Chinese Republic, will be observed by the Chinese here to-morrow.

A meeting marking the occasion will be held at the King's Theatre at 9 a.m. when Madame Sun Yat-sen will attend. Mr. Wang Shih-ho will be the chairman.

Dr Li Ying-lam, President of the Lingnan University, will give a talk on the life of Dr Sun in Cantonese over Station ZEK at 6.15 p.m.

GAYDA SQUIRMS AND WARNS

Declares Lend and Lease Bill Will Force Japan to Act

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, Mar. 10. (UP).—Gayda, in an editorial in the "Giornale d'Italia," declares that the Senate's approval of the Lend and Lease Bill is equivalent to direct American intervention in the war and may force Japan to intervene in the conflict on the side of the Axis in line with her Tripartite Pact agreement.

He continues, "The Lend and Lease Bill can but prolong the conflict as the Axis counter-blockade of the Atlantic will not permit American aid to reach the besieged islands."

"President Roosevelt's new move—equivalent to open intervention against the Axis—will finally bring about the application of the Tripartite terms, creating unpleasant surprises in an invasion of the western hemisphere."

"President Roosevelt's decision is a deliberate, unprovoked move towards war which will bring about European retaliation against America."

Tuesday,

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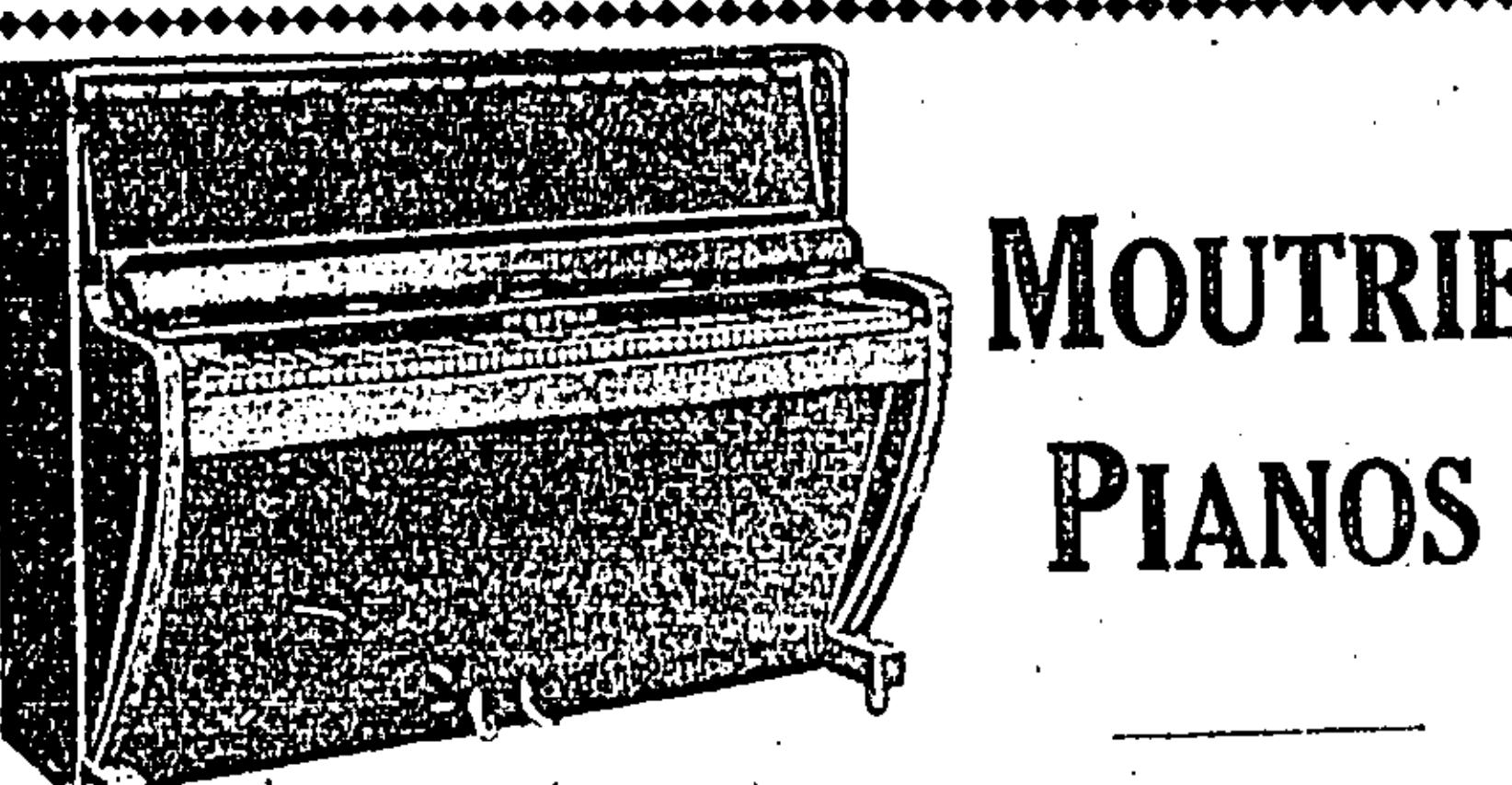
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FIREWOOD FRAUD

"Squeeze" in the Far East, having been tacitly legitimatised by tradition, the gentle art of defrauding people has become a notorious feature of life in Hongkong. The insidious habit of "squeeze" has found expression in all forms of business transactions, from the house "boy" who seeks to make a little extra at the expense of his employer to big commercial firms engaged in important deals; and so long as it is not pushed too far, "squeeze" is now recognised as a necessary evil to be borne with a grimace.

There are distinctions, however, and cases arise where so-called "squeeze" becomes outright fraud, meriting severe punishment. In this category can be placed the latest "racket" which apparently is being practised by some firewood dealers.

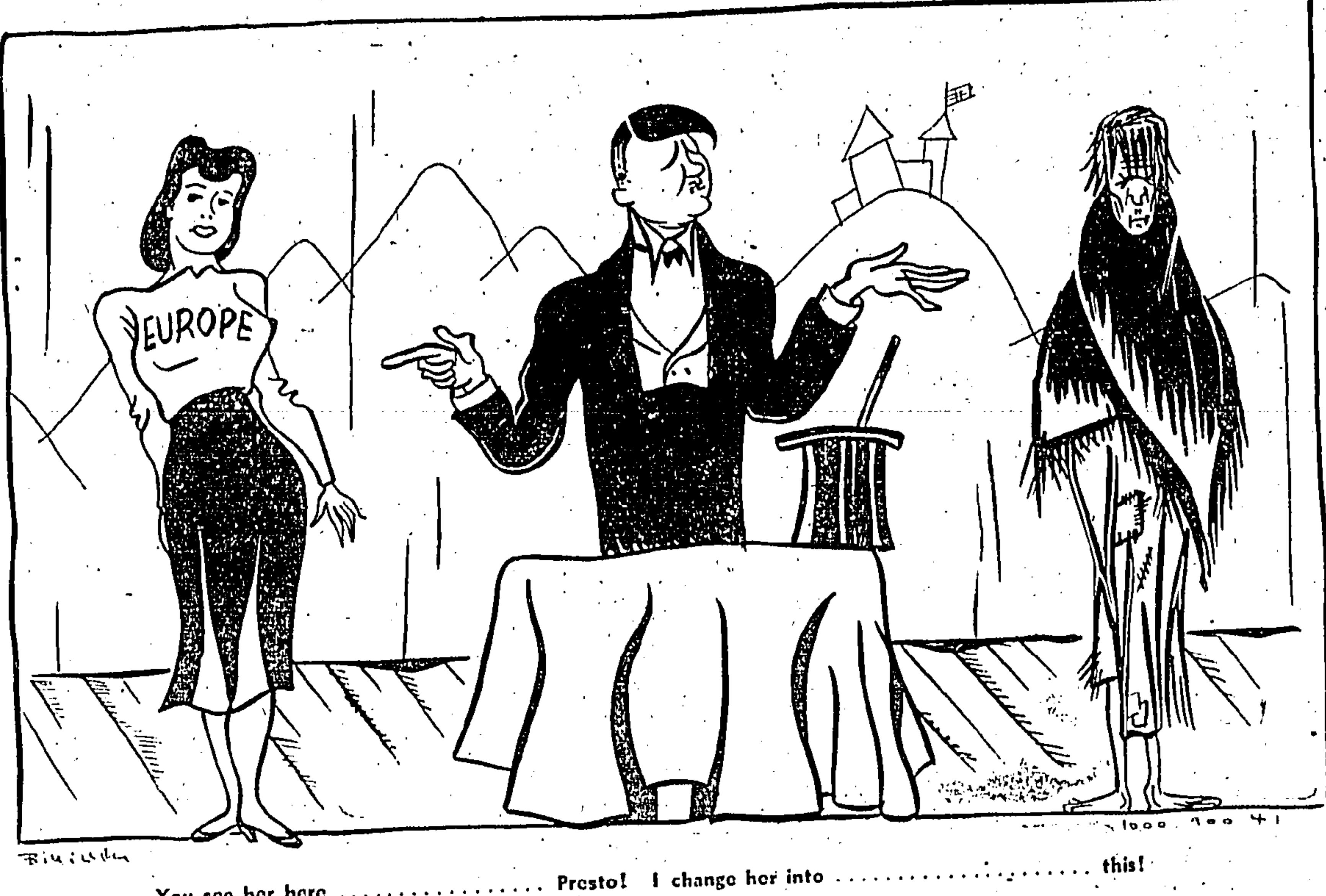
When firewood, one of the essential commodities of the average Chinese in his daily life, recently touched a new local high record in price, Government rightly decided to do its best to protect the tens of thousands of impoverished Chinese by fixing the price; the order went out, 40 catties per \$1, which in itself was high enough and allowed the retailers a fair margin of profit. But this, apparently did not suit the dealers, and several started casting around for ways and means of getting in that little bit of "squeeze". One method according to reliable information, has been to soak the firewood in water, which naturally has the effect of adding considerable weight to the wood, to the loss of the customer and the rich gain of the dealer. This is fraud and should be treated as such by the authorities. Clearly it is not sufficient to impose fines of \$25 in such cases. The dealer's profit from his fraud for one day alone would more than cover that amount. Punishment to fit the crime—and this is a crime—can be the only way of stamping out such a beastly racket. Either the fine must be so big that it hurts the offender, or he should be sent to prison.

Mercifully, we have no great army to supply on the Continent, neither have we now, as then, to feed and fuel Italy and France.

In spite of these great present advantages, which on no account must we forget, Lord Woolton has recently confirmed what I asserted, under correction, many weeks ago—that our present danger is greater than it was in

brought to the attention of the police, "squeeze" can be accepted with a certain amount of tolerance when the victim is a person who can afford to pay that little extra, but it is a different matter when those who can only just manage to eke out an existence are, to use an Americanism, taken for a ride, by grasping merchants, whose profits, even after a completely honest deal, are not negligible.

THE MAGICIAN



Can We Beat The U-Boat Menace?

By Capt. Bernard Aeworth,
D.S.O., R.N.

At these points, to which the U-boats had to come if they were to sight the convoys, they were heavily attacked and destroyed.

Long-ranging aircraft from the French Atlantic airfields now make it probable that the convoys will be sighted far from the land.

When sighted, 180-m.p.h. enemy bombers and torpedo planes, but not slow U-boats, can be called up, and air attacks delivered.

Those directing the convoy system have thus to choose between the risk of almost certain bomber attack and the less certain, but much more deadly, deep-sea U-boat attack.

Choice Of Evils

It is in this choice of evils that judgment may err.

And it takes courage as well as judgment, to invite the certain, but far less deadly, attack of aircraft in order to lessen the uncertain, but far more deadly, attack by a concentration of U-boats that know within narrow limits, where the convoys will approach.

This is an example, and there are others, where a right judgment by a self-reliant individual may make the difference between success and failure in the operation of the convoy system while we are short of escorts for attacking the U-boats.

Key Points

We must hope, not fear, that errors have been made, because errors can be rectified.

The material side of the problem is less a matter of judgment and more one of ceaseless effort to augment our anti-submarine craft, our long-range fighters and new merchant ships.

These should have priority over all other war material.

The practical steps needed to defend the U-boats can now be summarised as follows:

1. Spartan economy in all seaborne goods.

2. The need of agriculture to have priority over all war material except ships and fighter aircraft.

3. The reformation of the convoy system.

4. The elevation of merchant ship construction to the highest priority and fighter aircraft to the second highest.

5. Concentration of bombing operations not so much on industrial targets and invasion ports, as on U-boat bases.

Failure to defeat the U-boat means the defeat of our cause. Success means its victory.

RIDDLES OF 1941

Eighth Article —

labor on the immediate task, labour on the g-r-e-a-t-e-s-t-judgment-may-err.

farms is more urgent than drill

for an army of Continental

dimensions, which so much of

our ship-space is being used to

equip.

How are we going to set about

it? I use the word "we" ad-

visedly, because every Briton on

land has an active part to play

which is as vital as, if less ex-

citing than, the part played by

each individual sailor and air-

man.

Ours is the negative side;

theirs is the positive.

First, then, for our part.

This, as Lord Woolton has

said, lies in cheerfully cutting

our demand for seaborne goods,

to the point of tightening our

belts. Thus we save shipping

space.

Here all privilege should be

ruthlessly eliminated, no more

generous fare being available in

the expensive hotels, restaurants

and West End clubs than in the

poorer places.

The next source of great

economy in ship-space lies in a

reduction, wherever possible, of

our importation of sea-borne oil

and petrol.

Remember that a very large

part of our depleted merchant-

ship tonnage consists of "one-

way" tankers which can carry

nothing but oil to us and salt

water, as ballast, from us.

These tankers, even when

empty, need escort.

Fuel And Food

My views on this great fuel

problem are well known, and I

will not labour them, but it is

clear that every new ship that

burns coal, and every transport

vehicle that is changed over to

gas, or producer gas, saves ship-

space and foreign exchange,

and brings unemployed British

miners actively into the fight

against the U-boats.

Safeguards

A group of merchant ships in a

compact body empties the seas of

single targets—the group, if compact,

being little more likely to be sighted

in the vast expanse of sea than a single

ship.

Thirty dispersed ships thus pro-

vide nearly thirty chances of attack com-

pared to the single chance of the

U-boats sighted in the convoy.

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the defeat of our cause. Success

means its victory.

TO-MORROW:

What Next in the Balkans?

By SIR RONALD
STORRS,

One of the greatest authorities
on the Near and Middle East.

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MR FORREST CROSS-EXAMINES WITNESS IN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT INQUIRY

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paid over in full to the Colonial Treasury.

(d) Payments on behalf of the Department must be made by the Treasury, after the Accountant General has satisfied himself that the amount is in order and duly authorised by warrant under the hand of His Excellency the Governor.

(e) It is provided, however, that where the circumstances are such that immediate payment is necessary without allowing prior reference to the Treasury, payment may be made from an imprest account granted to the Head of Department. Such payments are made on the personal responsibility of the imprest holder, and are subject to review later by the Treasury.

Given Free Hand

In these Colonial Regulations no attempt is made to prescribe forms or procedure or to lay down precise forms of receipts for money and the accounting officers of each administration are given a free hand to institute such records as they think fit within the framework of these Regulations. It is, perhaps, hardly necessary to point out that these Regulations merely give effect to elementary principles well known to all accountants, the Colonial Treasury occupying a position in Government corresponding to that of the Accountant's Department in a business firm.

Towards the end of October—that is to say, more than two months after the report of Mr Middlebrook—the question of accounts for the proposed new department was raised verbally and on 31st October suggestions were made, copy of which is to be found at (1) in Treasury file No. 33/20/20, and a form of departmental cash book devised. This cash book was not adopted, I discovered later, nor was any other form of general departmental cash book instituted. It is significant, too, that although it was admitted that deposits would have to be refunded from imprest cash the Immigration Officer accepted as probably adequate an imprest of \$1,000 sufficient to refund, say, 20 deposits per day. Eventually it was found when the department commenced to operate, that an imprest of no less than \$40,000 was necessary.

In October, in fact, it was not even thought that the number of deposits anticipated justified the printing of a special form of deposit receipt.

Without Consultation

It was my intention to recommend to the Immigration Officer forms of permits which would themselves constitute the form of receipt for the fee paid. Without consulting me, however, or, as far as I am aware, the Auditor, the Immigration Officer devised and had printed some thousands of permit forms, bound in books of 200 each, which, from my point of view, were open to almost every possible objection, including:

(a) No mention of the fee charged.

(b) No reference to the date of issue (from which the currency of the permit ran).

(c) Bounce and numbered backwards, according to European standards.

(d) So devised that the pasting of the applicant's photograph on the counterfoil would have caused the binding to burst long before the book was completed. Eventually, on Treasury advice, these forms were scrapped and the present system of serially numbered booklets hurriedly substituted. About the same time a system of records was devised by me and accepted by the Immigration Officer, showing both quantities and serial numbers of permits passing to and fro in the department, to be kept by officers entrusted with:

(a) The custody of blank permits.

(b) The receipt of blank permits for completion and their completion.

(c) The receipt of completed permits for signature and their signature.

(d) The custody of completed permits.

(e) The issue of permits against the receipt of the prescribed fees.

This system was designed to prevent permits going astray, either by accident or design, and to assist in ensuring that all fees were duly collected and brought to account, and was simply in the extreme, being merely a series of debit and credit books which could be kept by any intelligent person. As will be seen later, this system was only partially carried out.

Specially Designed Forms

Deposit receipt forms, especially designed for immigration purposes, were then prepared by mutual agreement between myself and the Immigration Officer and with the Cash Books already recommended, there seemed to be no reason why everything should not run smoothly. The Immigration Officer was allocated the services of Mr. A. J. G. Taylor, an officer of the S. C. & A. S. with accounting experience, as an Assistant Immigration Officer, but he chose to send him as officer-in-charge at Tai-poo to take his services for the supervision of the accounts in their early stages.

But never once during all these preliminary discussions did the Immigration Officer give me any indication of the many thousands of applications he would receive, nor the hundreds and maybe thousands of deposits he would have to take each day. And things began to go wrong from the outset. The department accepted fees from applicants at the time of application for a permit without the issue of a receipt, and such sums were not brought to account in any way. At one time the Im-



Mr. R. A. D. Forrest

discovery of unsatisfactory state of affairs at the Immigration Department on several occasions that he visited the Department, but he felt compelled now to make a formal report, for as the chief accounting officer of Government he felt he would be personally responsible.

Mr Pudney reported that no single member of the Immigration Office staff was entrusted with the duty of co-ordinating and supervising the accounts and work generally in the department.

He suggested that Mr A. J. G. Taylor be appointed to organise this side of the Department's activities. Mr Pudney also mentioned that he had discovered that an ex-hairdresser was Secretary to the Department.

The financial side of affairs, he disclosed, were entrusted to a lady cashier who had furnished no security, with a few unsecured shroffs to assist her.

Mr Pudney said that he had lent several shroffs to the Immigration Office, often at very short notice, and they all reported lack of accommodation and that it was difficult to work with the chaotic conditions in the department.

Insufficient Accounts Books

He also reported to the Financial Secretary that there was an insufficiency of books of account in the department. There was no general cash book, and there was no vote service ledger. No record of expenditure was produced when the department was inspected. Collection books were kept by the shroffs who did not bring the collections for entry in a general cash book.

The Immigration Officer had been making payments out of cash received, which was contrary to Colonial Regulations.

Regarding the registration of permits issued he found that the names of applicants were not always entered. At the request of the Immigration Officer, he had devised a simple system of departmental checking of permits in various stages of issue. He was now informed that the control of such permits was enforced only up to a certain stage. Since these permits served the dual purpose of receipts for cash received and authority to enter the Colony, he stressed the importance of a system of strict control.

He complained that the stocks of serially numbered receipts were not kept up to the required amount through the failure of the Immigration Officer to inform the Treasury of his requirements. On one occasion, reported Mr Pudney, he was met with a desperately urgent request for supplies of which an adequate number existed in the Immigration Office store.

Degatory

Mr Pudney further reported that deposits for entry to the Colony were received by various officers of the department, but he had not been notified as to which officers were authorised to do so and what amount of security these officers had furnished.

He gathered from the Immigration Officer that it was derogatory to his officers to ask them to put up security.

Some deposits were accepted in currency other than Hongkong currency, for which he knew of no authority. Some money received, instead of being paid in to the Treasury, were kept in the Immigration Office and repayments made from this, which practice was contrary to Colonial Regulations.

In the opinion of the Accountant-General, the difficulties confronting the Immigration Officer were the same as those which might be met with in any new department, but it was his opinion that with a little foresight they would have disappeared. The situation was aggravated by the failure of the Immigration Officer to take advantage of the financially trained staff at his disposal.

The report also mentioned that the staff engaged for the senior posts was unsuitable.

No Records

In a later minute to the Financial Secretary, the Accountant-General reported that the system for checking the issue of permits as he had recommended was only followed up to the first senior officer, after which stage there was no record whatever.

The storekeeper, he found, had in his possession several thousand completed permits awaiting claimants. A register designed to show the issue of permits in serial number had been kept up to January 25, since then it seemed to have been abandoned.

The failure to maintain this record meant that it was impossible to see that 100 percent revenue was obtained.

There was a similar lack of records in regard to deposits. Certain books

of receipts had been duplicated and in one case three times. As a result it was impossible for the auditor to check existing records. The only course would be to go back to the original source of information and re-write the whole of the accounts. The Accountant General suggested in the minutes that the operations of the Immigration Office be suspended for a certain time until the accounts were in order.

Mr Barton's Report

Mr Barton, in his report of January 16, stated that he found that there was no accounting officer attached to the Immigration Department, with the result that there was no coordination of accounts. There was no general cash book in existence, so no surprise surveys of cash could be carried out.

The report mentioned that each shroff in the Department was in entire control of his own collections, and there was no reconciliation of cash held by a European officer or a chief shroff.

The daily collections up to 4 p.m. were taken by the shroff to the Treasury paid in, but money received after 4 p.m. were locked up in a safe the keys and duplicates of which were kept by the shroffs themselves.

Chairman's Questions

At the end of Mr Pudney's report, the Chief Justice said: "You have been so detailed in your report that I don't think there is very much for us to ask you, except for a few questions regarding the prescribed system of book-keeping in force. You tell us there is no prescribed system of book-keeping for any Government Department?"

Mr Pudney: Quite.

There is a fairly well understood system of book-keeping in force in every Department, allowing for modification and minimum requirements.

What would you put the minimum knowing the system as you do?

—The system should start with records of blank permits, the serial number of all permits should be recorded and the issue of blank permits for completion in approved cases should be recorded on the issue side of the stock book and receipt on the receipt side. There must be corresponding debits and credits. When completed they should be handed over to the officer concerned who should sign them and enter them on the issue side of the deposit book.

The officer signing them should acknowledge receipt, and when returned after signature, it should be recorded on the issue side of his book and on the receipt side of the book kept by the store-keeper.

When finally the applicant comes along with the fee to collect his permit and hands the fee to the shroff he should receive the permit from the store-keeper who records the issue in the issue side of the book, and the shroff should note in his cash book the number of permits issued in respect of which he has received certain fees. The shroff's cash book should be tallied into the Treasury or into the Accountant General's Account in the Hongkong Bank?—As regards the deposit each officer entrusted with the duty of receiving deposits should keep a cash book in which he records the amount received from the receipts showing the number and amount. Whenever it is paid into the head office it should show on the receipt side the amount received by the officer concerned. Regular payments are normally made by the Treasury.

—The permit is a receipt.

Is the money received paid direct into the Treasury or into the Accountant General's Account in the Hongkong Bank?—As regards the deposit each officer entrusted with the duty of receiving deposits should keep a cash book in which he records the amount received from the receipts showing the number and amount. Whenever it is paid into the head office it should show on the receipt side the amount received by the officer concerned. Regular payments are normally made by the Treasury.

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Would you say that comparing my Department with other Departments like the Post Office and the Public Works Department the shroffs on the average have less experience?—Less Government experience, may be.

They are mostly young men, are they not?—Yes.

And they would not have very much outside experience?—No.

Are you aware that I have instituted a system of report by which I may ascertain what the weekly turnover is?—No.

The arrangements for the Macao office were originally approved by you?—In a general way.

You paid a visit to Macao recently. Did you find the arrangements you had approved of in a general way, were in a general way being observed?—Yes.

Not Specifically Assigned

You referred to Mr A. J. G. Taylor formerly of the Supreme Court. TURN to Back Page, Column 4

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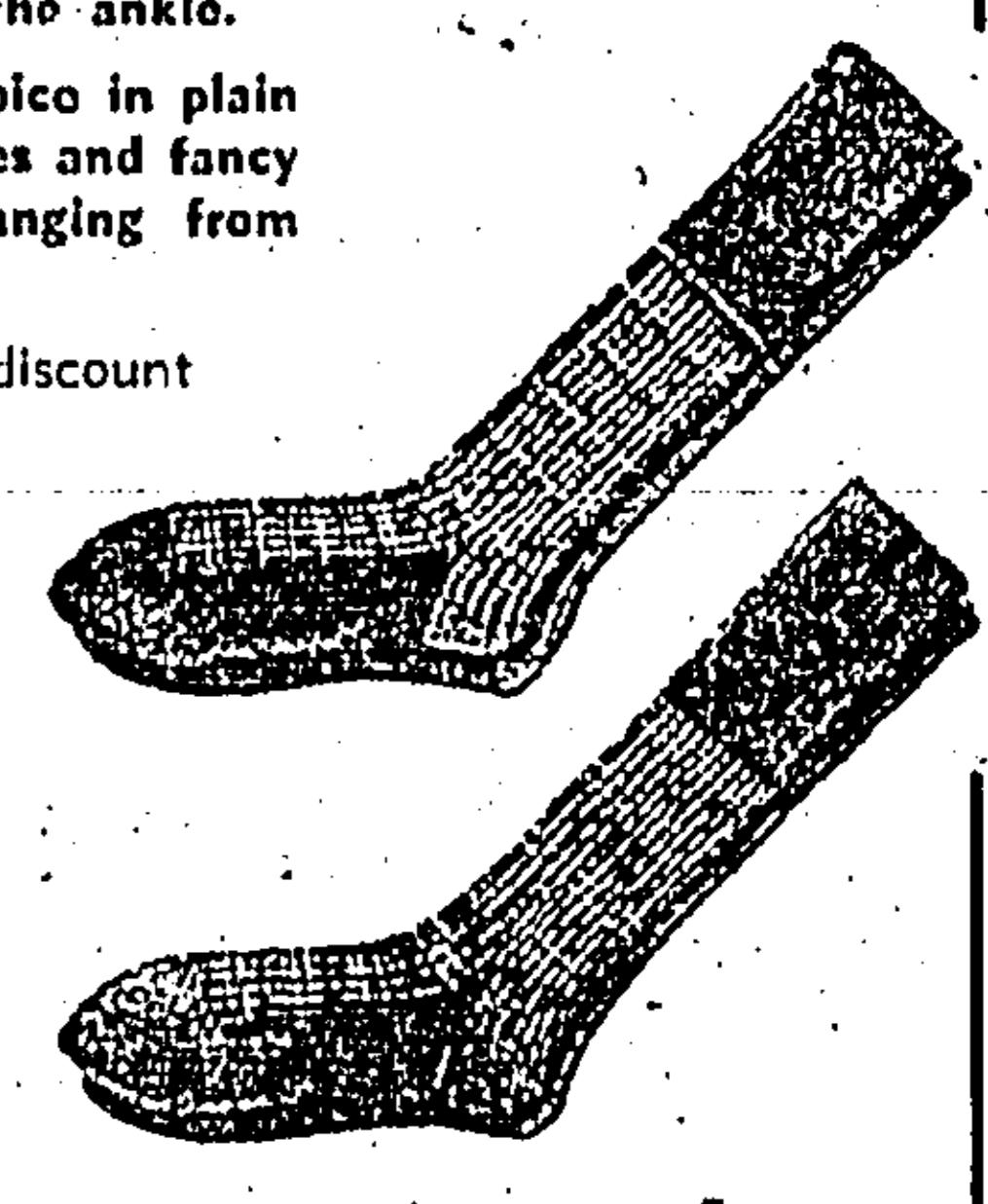
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Macao Provides The Better Hockey XI

Superb Defence Carries Day For Portuguese Colony: Hongkong Fail On Heavy Ground

(By "Pilgrim")

IT WAS a thousand pities that rain fell steadily at Macao during the forenoon of last Sunday to mar to some extent the standard of hockey usually seen at the annual interport matches.

In some parts of the field the turf churned up badly, and in others pools of water formed, but on the whole, the pitch did not play too badly. Most of us, however, were glad of the brilliant sunshine at 3 p.m. just prior to the commencement of the game.

There were some changes in the Macao team. R. Rosario was unable to turn out at right back owing to illness; Santos Ferreira took his place, and Trigo Silva was seen at left half. The Hongkong team appeared as published.

It was Macao who took the first goal after a few minutes. A. Alrosa, who was phying well and tackling hard, despatched a pass to F. Nolasco, and the right-winger sent in a shot which Benwell never saw.

The Portuguese forwards set up many attacks and kept the Colony defence actively employed.

Then L. Costa took possession and during a neat one-handed dribbling bout, he passed Bond and drawing Benwell out of goal scored with a clever shot to give Macao a 2-0 lead.

Though the Hongkong keeper was on the alert, the defence of Bond and Gonsalves was at sixes and sevens, and were almost run off their feet.

The deficit, however, spurred Hongkong to greater efforts and for a time they maintained heavy pressure. And during a breakaway, Ozorio ran through to reduce the score which then stood at 2-1 in Macao's favour, and this remained until half-time.

H.K. Attack Improves

AFTER the interval, Hongkong gained a marked ascendancy but not for long—and with their inside forward doing a tremendous amount of work, had they been given better support, the local side might have equalised.

Two good scoring opportunities in the first ten minutes by Ozorio and Brown went begging.

A. Alrosa was playing a great distributive game at centre-half, and his passes set his forwards on the move on several occasions. He was the outstanding figure on the field.

L. Cost, left inner, was also an artist with his stickwork, and was always heading for the circle when he had the chance. It was only Bond's timely tackling and clearances that kept him in check.

However, the home team gained a further goal when five minutes from

WORLD INDOOR ATHLETIC RECORDS

New York, Mar. 9.
At the 22nd annual Knights of Columbus Championships held at Madison Square Garden to-day, Earle Meadows smashed the world's indoor pole vault record with 14 feet 7½ inches.

All Blozis heaved the 10 lb. shot 51 feet 2½ inches and John Borian Ashly Park won the Casey 600-yard sprint in 1 minute 10.2 seconds. Both were world records.—Doneil.

C.S.C.C. Eleven

The following will represent Civil Service in a first division league cricket match against Indians on Saturday afternoon at the Oval: J. A. Alcock, F. Baker, W. H. Colclough, T. V. N. Fortescue, R. H. Griffiths, D. C. R. Hawkins, D. McLelland, A. E. Perry, R. Whitley, A. M. J. Wright.

British Seize Another French Cargo Ship

VICHY, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The alleged seizure of a French cargo ship called Ville de Majunga by a British cruiser was announced here to-day.

This has led the French news agency to declare that the remark about the defence of the French Empire made in the communiqué issued after last night's meeting between General Weygand and Admiral Darlan and other Ministers, also applied to communications between metropolitan France and the Empire.

The original communiqué stated that the defence of the Empire would be "energetically assured by French forces alone against all aggressors."

In this connection, the "Iavas" agency recalled that Admiral Darlan has repeatedly declared that he would not allow French ships to be seized or French people to die of hunger.

"If our protest should be in vain," the French news agency further reports Admiral Darlan as saying, "and if Britain continues to hold up and seize our cargo ships, it would be necessary, in order to put an end to this, to have our ships escorted by warships."

Protest To S. Africa

The French Government is understood to have protested to the South African Government against the alleged stopping south of Cape Town, of the French cargo ship the Ville de Majunga by a British cruiser, reports the official French news agency to-night.

The protest is stated to say that such actions from the theatre of operations are unjustified and can have no effect on the result of the war.

The French ship was on her way from Dakar to Madagascar. She is stated to be fourteenth ship seized by the British Navy since the beginning of the year and the 100th since the Armistice.

U.S. Steamer Arrives

VICHY, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The arrival at Marseilles of the United

Former Kent Captain Killed Lieut G. B. Legge

LONDON, Feb. 8. (Reuter).—The death while flying has been announced of Lieut. Geoffrey Bevington Legge, R.N.R., Fleet Air Arm, the former Kent County Cricket Club captain. He was 37. One of the many splendid cricketers produced by Malvern, Legge received his blue at Oxford in 1925 and in the following summer he captained the University team. In both seasons he headed the batting averages.

Kent Captain

IN 1928 Legge took over the captaincy of Kent and, thanks largely to his management of the side in the field, Kent finished second to Lancashire in the County Championship. He led the county for another two years before business claims compelled him to resign the position. He took part in little more first-class cricket.

Like most Malvern batsmen, Legge showed special strength in off-driving and cutting and possessed an excellent style. He was a sure fieldsman, particularly in the slips.

"Y" Billiards

The following will represent Hongkong in a billiards match against R.A.M.C. Army team champions, at 8 p.m. to-night at the Y.M.C.A., Jones' Jackson, Champion, Eager, Sykes, Curtis, Reserves, Whitmore, Moreland.

Hockey

Club XI To Meet British Army

The following will present Hongkong Hockey team against the British Army at the Quadrangular Tournament at King's Park at 4.45 p.m. to-day: V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond, A. E. P. Guest; R. Marques, W. A. Reed, N. V. M. Whitley; D. T. Smith, T. S. D. Whitley, E. Fowler, H. L. Ozorio and J. M. Morgan.

Italian Cruiser Torpedoed

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—An Italian cruiser of the Condottieri Class has been torpedoed and almost certainly sunk by a British submarine, says an Admiralty communiqué.

"British Wireless" adds that the Italian cruiser was escorted by two destroyers. She was seen to be hit and for two hours afterwards destroyers were seen to be alternately circling round and stopping, evidently picking up survivors.

The Italian Condottieri "A" class cruisers are ships of 5,000 tons, mounting eight 6-inch guns.

The class originally consisted of four ships. One—the Bartolomeo Colleoni—was sunk by H.M.A.S. Sydney and destroyers on July 19, 1940.

Theft From Matshed

Wong Fuk, 22, unemployed, was ordered to be expelled from Hongkong by Mr. S. F. Balfour at the District Office, South, this morning for breaking into and entering the bathing shed at the 10½ mile beach and stealing four rattan chairs, a rattan table and two deck chair frames.

Tsang Choi, 38, caretaker, was cited as the Complainant.

It was said that yesterday the defendant was seen carrying the articles mentioned in the charge and it was subsequently discovered by the Police that it had been stolen.

President Roosevelt himself, it will be recalled, was responsible for obtaining Britain's consent to despatch milk, clothing and medicines to Unoccupied France.

Britain Explains

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—A spokesman of the Ministry of Economic Warfare said, "We in this country continue to hope that France will show understanding of our blockade policy. If there were any means of helping unoccupied France without helping Germany, the British Government would be prepared to consider them but so far no such proposals have been put forward. It must be remembered that the French Government has accepted the principle of economic collaboration with Germany."

"Admiral Darlan may be responsible for feeding 40,000,000 people in France. Britain, however, is fighting to free not only 40,000,000 in France but many times that number of enslaved people in Europe. The Germans may have released 2,000,000 quintals of wheat for France but this scarcely reflects on their generosity since they are only returning a fraction of the wheat they have looted from France in the last ten months."

Meanwhile, Yugo-Slavia continues to call up troops on a considerable scale.

The Bulgarian newspapers are daily becoming more openly revisionist in tone.

General Zhukoff, former Chief of the Bulgarian General Staff, said to Bulgarian students: "We live in

Tennis

DRAW FOR COLONY TOURNAMENT

First Matches On Monday

THE DRAW for first round matches in the Colony Open Tennis Singles and Doubles Championships, and the Club Championship, have been made. First matches will be played on Monday, March 17, the schedule for which will be announced later.

The draw resulted as follows:

Open Singles

Byes—I.M.A. Razack v. S. Y. Tong; S. A. Rumjahn.

First Round.—C. Dunne v. Lt. Shields; Goodman; C. S. Lee v. A. Crawford; George Chon v. T. J. Gould; Tsui Wal-pui v. O. Rumjahn; Ho Ka-lau v. K. H. Ip; Capt. R. E. Guest v. Pang I-lam; S. T. Chau v. Wei Chung; O. Umelani v. M. Png; W. J. Howard v. H. D. Rumjahn; Fung Yee-pui v. Kenneth Lo.

Byes—Paul Kong; Tsui Yun-pui v. C. H. H. Oxlade.

Open Doubles

Byes.—M. Png and Lt. Shields; Goodman v. Ho Ka-lau and K. H. Ip; B. O.M. Deane and A. T. Dow v. W. J. Howard and A. Kitchell.

First Round.—George Chon and A. V. Remedios; V. A. H. Harris and H. J. Armstrong; O. Umelani and T. Inaura v. T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould; Li J. S. Theobald and Capt. P. J. Skippwith v. I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu; Kenneth Lo and Lee Ming v. H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn; F. H. Kwock and T. E. Ling v. Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui; W. C. Fung and C. E. Fincher v. Wei Chung and S. T. Chau; V. R. Oxlade and Dr. A. H. Burwell v. Tsui Yun-pui and Tsui Wal-pui.

Byes—Capt. R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay; Pang I-lam and Lee Kam-ping v. B. and I. Agarwala; T. A. Martin and E. G. Matthiae v. G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall.

Club Championship

First Round.—H. Van Leeuwenv v. G. W. Sewell; T. A. Pearce v. C. H. R. Oxlade; V. R. Gordon v. A. K. Mackenzie; F. W. Carter v. M. A. Bierns de Haan; P. J. Elder v. T. C. Monaghan; R. E. Guest v. T. Sirling Lee; H. J. Armstrong v. A. H. Burwell; T. J. Gould v. M. Png.

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5.45 INDIAN PROGRAMME.

6.30 CLOSING LOCAL STOCK QUOTATIONS.

6.32 LIGHT OPERA SELECTIONS.

6.45 A.R.P. ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE FORTHCOMING CENSUS.

7.00 LONDON RELAY—THE NEWS.

7.15 LONDON RELAY—BRITAIN SPEAKS.

TALK BY J. B. PRIESTLY.

7.30 PORTUGUESE PROGRAMME.

8.00 LOCAL TIME SIGNAL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

8.02 REGNALD FOORT AT THE ORGAN.

8.15 HARRY ROY'S NEW STAGE SHOW.

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8.30 FILM SELECTIONS.

9.00 LONDON RELAY—THE NEWS.

9.15 LONDON RELAY—QUESTIONS OF THE HOUR.

9.30 BOO GROOT AND HIS ORCHESTRA WITH CHARLES KULMANN (TENOR).

9.45 NEWS IN FRENCH (ON SHORT WAVE ONLY).

10.00 LONDON RELAY—TALK: 'SCOTS ABROAD'.

10.15 HUMOROUS VARIETY PROGRAMME.

11.00 CLOSE DOWN.

Ranji Trophy

MADRAS, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Maharashtra won the Ranji Trophy for the second year in succession, beating Madras by six wickets.

Yugo-Slavia, Mobilising, Is Ready to Sign Pact

BELGRADE, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The Foreign Minister, M. Cincar-Markovich, is expected to leave for Vienna at any moment to sign a friendship pact between Yugo-Slavia and the Axis Powers.

Some reports say that he has already left.

The pact may be signed tomorrow evening.

Meanwhile, Yugo-Slavia continues to call up troops on a considerable scale.

The Bulgarian newspapers are daily becoming more openly revisionist in tone.

General Zhukoff, former Chief of the Bulgarian General Staff, said to Bulgarian students: "We live in

stirring times after which there will come a realisation of our national ideals."

His statement and the Bulgarian press revisionist claims are widely published in the Yugo-Slav press.

CANNOT LEAVE BELGRADE.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

BELGRADE, Mar. 10 (U.P.).—Residents who reported yesterday, according to a country-wide schedule, for assignment to new reporting stations in case they should be called up were informed that they must not leave Belgrade without special permission.

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BRITAIN LIKELY TO OBTAIN MORE DESTROYERS FROM UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, MAR. 10 (REUTER).—THERE IS SOME REASON TO BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WILL ANNOUNCE THE TRANSFER OF ANOTHER BATCH OF DESTROYERS TO BRITAIN SHORTLY AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE LEASE AND LEND BILL.

This measure, it is thought, will be one of a series of dramatic steps which the President will take before the week is out to give immediate effect to the Bill.

It is believed here that now that the Bill is passed, the legislators who opposed its passage will vote the vast sums required under the Bill on the theory that if the country wants the Bill, it should not be half-hearted about it but should really render all aid short of war.

Regional Status Quo

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The Senate to-day unanimously approved a resolution affirming the principle that the United States Government should not recognise the transfer of any region in the Western Hemisphere from one non-American Power to another.

It provides that if such a transfer appears likely, the United States shall, in addition to other measures, immediately consult other American Republics to determine upon the steps which should be taken to safeguard their common interests.

The House of Representatives to-day unanimously agreed on the procedure whereby after a two hours' debate on the Lease and Lend Bill to-morrow, a further vote will be taken on the proposal to agree to all the Senate amendments to the Bill.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Republican, told reporters to-day that in the two roll-calls, 89 out of 95 Senators voted in favour of aid to Britain either for the Lease and Lend Bill or Senator Robert Taft's substitute proposal for a loan of \$2,000,000,000. This, he said, showed a "far more impressive demonstration of national unity than the final roll-call might disclose."

Press Urges Action

NEW YORK, Mar. 10 (UP).—The "New York Times" in an editorial says that following the passage of the Lend and Lease Bill bold action is required. Firstly, preparations must be made to transfer to Britain such weapons, particularly destroyers and planes, as can be spared from America's own arsenals. Secondly, steps must be taken to consolidate the purchasing programme with the British. Thirdly, production must be enormously accelerated.

The "Philadelphia Record" comments.—"We only hope that beginning now the President will proceed to make the most of his powers. The course is now charted; there must be no faltering, no quibbling."

The "Philadelphia Inquirer" declares, "Helping Britain to stop the Axis 'Thunderbund' before it can gain a foothold in the western hemisphere is the prime necessity for our security."

COMMUNISTS**Dies Wants Action From President**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (UP).—Representative Martin Dies to-day urged President Roosevelt to take the initiative in a nation wide drive to eliminate Communists and Nazis from Government service and Union leadership. Dies declared if he failed to get action he would introduce legislation for that purpose.

Mr. Dies said that his proposed action is necessary to "save the national defence programme from sabotage and avoid the mistake which led to the downfall of France and other Democracies."

Meanwhile, the House Judiciary Committee started hearings on proposed legislation to deal with the strike situation in the defence industry and heard Mr. William Bullitt, the ex-Ambassador to France, testify that there was a striking analogy between the present attitude of the United States and the attitude that destroyed France. He testified that France had a wonderful war production programme arranged for 1942—but France was destroyed in 1940."

CURRIE BACK IN U.S.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Mr. Lauglin Currie, President Roosevelt's emissary to China, arrived here to-day en route to Washington.

He declined to comment on his trip, saying "I am saving my impressions for the President."

He indicated, however, that most of his time in Chungking was devoted to economic studies.

Algerian Minister Visits Vichy

VICHY, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Admiral Abrial, Governor-General of Algeria, arrived here to-day and was received immediately by Marshal Petain. The visit follows that of General Weygand who is expected to return to his post shortly.

Admiral Abrial commanded the French destroyers which assisted in the embarkation at Dunkirk.



Miss Irene Lau, trained beauty expert of the A.P.S. Cosmetic Shop, is here seen giving a demonstration of three-dimensional make-up, the last word in beauty culture. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

Italians Smashed In New Greek Offensive

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The fourth day of the big Greek offensive against the Italian centre in Albania continues to-day with unabated fury.

The Greek troops, states the Athens radio, are pushing on with the utmost determination. Two mountain ranges have now been almost completely cleared of Italian forces.

The Italians, who have been driven from their network of machine-gun posts cunningly concealed in deep cavities of rocks, are stated to have suffered heavy casualties, whole detachments being wiped out.

One of the principal units defending the approaches to Tepelin, key-town to Valona Harbour, endured particularly severe losses. Nearly all the effectives of the Seventh Black-shirt Battalion were also killed.

A few prisoners were taken, including Major Pellegrini, a member of the Fascist Grand Council. **Duce To Bottai**

Another battalion to meet with disaster was commanded by the Italian Education Minister, Bottai, who may have been killed.

A personal message from Mussolini to Bottai was found on an unidentified body of a major, begging Bottai to do everything in his power to stop the Greek advance—"Otherwise," said Mussolini, "Fascism would die with

Million U. S. Soldiers

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

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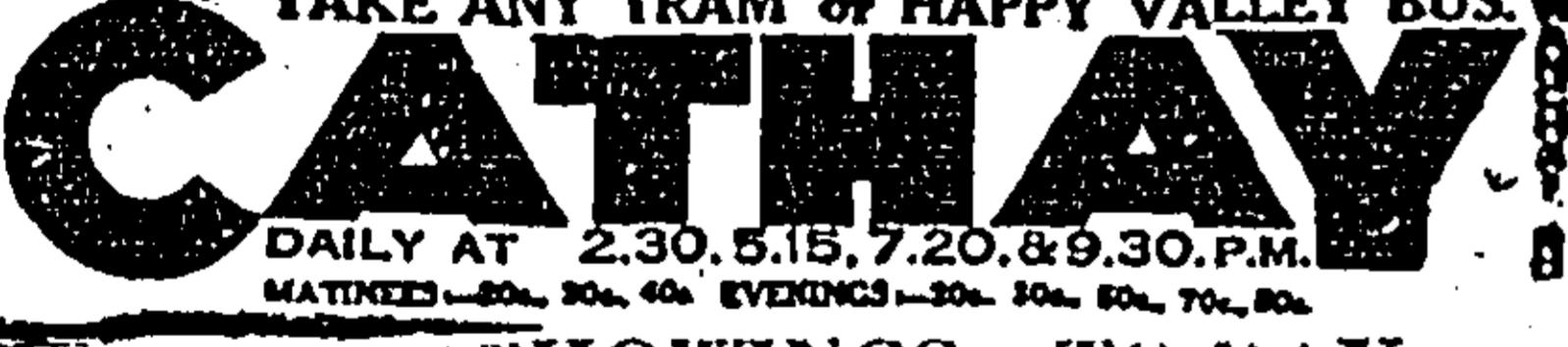
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Pay a Bonus thereon of 5%	177,555.00
Pay a Dividend at 6% p.a. for half year on 110,000 new shares	35,050.00
Pay a Bonus thereon of 5% p.a. for half year	29,210.50
Place to Reserve	750,000.00
Pay a Bonus to Staff and carry forward to next year account	70,000.00
	200,000.00

Passengers Aboard

Kashima Maru

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
YOKOHAMA, Mar. 10 (Domei).—Two American-born Japanese sailed from here for Australia at noon today to assist Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, first Japanese Minister to Australia. They are Hideichi Tokimasa a graduate of Hawaii University, and Miss Tamae Tsutsumida, graduate of Saint Maria's High School in California.

Many American and English passengers were also aboard the Kashima Maru which is scheduled to call at Kobe, Hongkong, Manila, Sydney, and Melbourne.

STOCK EXCHANGE GILT-EDGED HOLDINGS MAIN FEATURE

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, interest was mainly centred on gilt-edged holdings in which further rises were registered although a little profit-taking fractionally reduced early gains.

India stocks made further headway on good buying. Elsewhere business was confined to small limits. Among the foreign bonds, Czech and Austrian loans were slightly higher.

Wall Street was dull.

LATE NEWS

IMMIGRATION DEPT. INQUIRY

(Continued from Page 5.) When did you first mention to me that he had accounting experience? I cannot say. I may have mentioned it in November. I certainly mentioned it in January.

Was he specifically assigned to my Department as an accountant?—No. He was assigned for general purposes.

When did you first suggest to me that Mr Taylor be called in from the New Territories to put the accounts of my Department in order?—About the middle of January.

You referred to the hair-dresser. Do you know her?—No.

Do you know that the duty of the hair-dresser was merely to sit at a table with others and make a final check of permits?—No.

You would not dispute that?—No.

The word "secretary" might have been a misnomer?—Yes.

You don't think the "secretary" had other duties other than that?—No.

Temporary Employees

You told the Commission just now that you were not notified of the security officers had to put up. Do you remember an occasion about January 10 which is before the Ordinance, when I came to your office to discuss the form of deposit receipts, the question was mentioned at that time? I mentioned these people were security officers?—I don't remember that. They were not Government officers. They were only temporary employees. I only remember you saying they were University graduates.

We had a discussion on the word "station"?—Yes.

Did you give advice to Government whether these officers should give security or not?—No. It is a recognised principle that all officers who handle public money must be secured. Are you secured yourself?—No, I don't handle money.

An Opened Letter

Earlier in the proceedings Mr Barton read the proclamation establishing the inquiry, and the Chief Justice said he wished to observe that the inquiry was a public one and that both through the English and Chinese press invitations had been extended to members of the public to give evidence. He wished once again to stress that invitation. The Commission would sit both in the morning and afternoon in order to complete the inquiry as soon as possible, so that the Commission could make its report and submit it to the Governor at the earliest possible date. He therefore asked for the co-operation of the public.

The Chief Justice also revealed that yesterday afternoon Mr Barnett received a letter dated and postmarked March 7, which was addressed to him, but which had been delivered in error at the Immigration Office.

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